

Lord Derby proposes, with the concurrence of their Lordships, to inform Sir H. Maxse that Her Majesty's Government are willing, in consideration of this payment, to relieve the Colonial Government from any further payment on account of the sum advanced in settlement of the Fortune Bay claims.

The Secretary to the Treasury.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDWARD WINGFIELD.

No. 27.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, July 23, 1883.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Wingfield's letter of the 17th instant,* enclosing a bill for 3,604*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, forwarded by the Governor of Newfoundland, in respect of the Fortune Bay claims; and I am to acquaint you in reply, for the information of the Earl of Derby, that my Lords concur in the proposal to inform Sir H. Maxse that Her Majesty's Government, in consideration of this payment, are willing to relieve the Colonial Government from any further payment on account of the sum advanced in settlement of these claims.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LEONARD COURTNEY.

P.S.—My Lords will take immediate steps for presenting a supplementary estimate to Parliament to cover the remainder of the advance from civil contingencies.

L. C.

No. 28.

The RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY to GOVERNOR SIR H. F. B. MAXSE,
K.C.M.G. (NEWFOUNDLAND).

SIR,

Downing Street, August 4, 1883.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 3rd ultimo,† enclosing an extract from the Minutes of Council with a bill for the sum of 3,604*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in settlement of the payment made by the Imperial Government on account of the Fortune Bay claims, and I have to inform you that in consideration of this payment Her Majesty's Government are willing to relieve the Government of Newfoundland from any further payment on account of the sum advanced in settlement of these claims.

Sir H. F. B. Maxse.

I have, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

* No. 26.

† No. 25.