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Sir H. T. Holland to Governor-General the Marquis of Lansdowne.

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DOWNING STREET,
15th December, 1887.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 409, of the 20th October,* transmitting a Minute of the Executive Council of British Columbia respecting the value to that Province of the seal fishing industry in Behring's Sea.

Her Majesty's Government have noted the wish expressed in this Minute, that the question should be included in the scope of the duties of the Fisheries Conference, now sitting at Washington, and I have the honour to inform you that a copy of your despatch and of its enclosures has been duly forwarded to the British Plenipotentiaries at the Conference.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

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*Colonial Office to Foreign Office.*DOWNING STREET,
17th December, 1887.

SIR,

Sir H. Holland forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada, in a despatch of which a copy is enclosed,† your letter of the 18th of August last, with the note which accompanied it, from the United States Minister at this Court, replying to the criticisms of Her Majesty's Government on the *ad interim* arrangement with regard to the fishery question proposed by Mr. Bayard.

I am now to enclose, to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a despatch‡ which has been received from the Governor-General, with copy of a Minute of his Privy Council upon the subject of Mr. Bayard's arguments.

Sir Henry Holland understands that this Minute of the Privy Council is only sent here to be recorded, and he does not therefore propose to do more than acknowledge its receipt.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
December 31st, 1887.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo,§ I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir H. Holland a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington respecting the case of the "Golden Hind."

• No. 94.

† No. 19.

‡ No. 116.

§ No. 110.