

## No. 9.

*Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 2, 1877.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a note from the Austrian Ambassador at this Court, appointing M. Delfosse to act as third Commissioner at the approaching Fisheries Commission at Halifax.\*

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) TENTERDEN.

## No. 10.

*Mr. Ford to the Earl of Derby.—(Received April 9.)*

My Lord,

*Foreign Office, April 7, 1877.*

I HAVE the honour to report that I have been privately informed by Sir A. Galt that he has suggested the 15th June next as a convenient time for the first meeting of the Fisheries Commission at Halifax.

This date has not as yet been definitively fixed, but as the Dominion Government have intimated to me their wish that I should proceed to Canada as soon as possible to assist in completing the necessary arrangements, I propose, with your Lordship's sanction, to start by the Cunard steamer of the 5th May next.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.

## No. 11.

*Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 12, 1877.*

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Carnarvon, the accompanying copy of a despatch from Mr. Ford,† announcing his intention of proceeding to America, should there be no objection thereto, by the Cunard steamer of the 5th May next, to enter upon his duties in connexion with the Halifax Fisheries Commission, and I am to state to you that his Lordship has sanctioned the adoption of this course.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) TENTERDEN.

## No. 12.

*Lord Tenterden to Mr. Ford.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 12, 1877.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Derby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, stating that you propose, should there be no objection thereto, to start for America by the Cunard steamer of the 5th May next, to enter upon

\* No. 8.

† No. 10.