

No. 141.

Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1881.

I INCLOSE, for your information, copies of a letter, and of its inclosures, as marked in the margin, on the subject of the Fortune Bay Fisheries question.*

I am, &c.

(Signed) GRANVILLE.

No. 142.

Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, June 20, 1881.

WITH reference to recent correspondence respecting the compensation claimed by the United States' fishermen on account of the occurrences at Fortune Bay and elsewhere, I have to request you to inform me what proportion of the sum of 15,000*l.* paid by Her Majesty's Government in satisfaction of these claims may be taken to represent the amount payable on account of the Aspee Bay claim.

I am, &c.

(Signed) GRANVILLE.

No. 143.

Sir E. Thornton to Earl Granville.

(Substance received by telegraph, June 22.)

My Lord,

Washington, June 22, 1881.

WITH reference to your Lordship's telegram of the 20th instant, I have the honour to state that the claim made by certain United States' fishermen for having been prevented from fishing for bait in Aspee Bay has always appeared to me a very small affair, and has, I know, been so considered by both Mr. Evarts and Mr. Blaine. But such little claims, if neglected, are apt to be magnified in course of time, and as it could not be considered as one having arisen in a dependency of Newfoundland, I thought it would be desirable to mention it separately.

I am, however, of opinion that 150*l.* would fully satisfy the Aspee Bay claims mentioned above, and I am convinced that the United States' Government will not assign more than that sum to their satisfaction.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

No. 144.

Sir J. Pouncefote to Sir R. Lingen.†

Sir,

Foreign Office, June 23, 1881.

WITH reference to my letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a further despatch, as marked in the margin,‡ from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, transmitting a copy of Mr. Blaine's receipt for 15,000*l.* on account of the Fortune Bay Claims settlement.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

No. 145.

Mr. Bramston to Lord Tenterden.—(Received June 24.)

My Lord,

Downing Street, June 23, 1881.

I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, forwarding a copy of a despatch from Sir E. Thornton,

* No. 137.

† Also to Colonial Office.

‡ No. 140.