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Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Wharton	1891. June 6	Submits the telegraphic reply to the above note accepting the proposals therein on condition that the British Government be allowed to supervise the execution of the agreement on the islands, and that the prohibition will be extended to the whole of the Bering Sea. Insists that the terms of arbitration and <i>modus</i> be agreed on simultaneously, as the suspension of sealing could not be acceded to another year.	37
Mr. Wharton to Sir J. Pauncefote	June 6	Reply to the above. Objects to the claim of supervision by British authorities of the killing on land which is already supervised by American officials whose integrity is to be upheld, but agrees to the appointment of one or two commissioners for the collection of facts to be placed before the arbitrators. Submits proposal embodying this and other conditions agreed upon.	37
Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Wharton	June 8	Submits, in reply to the above, an agreement telegraphed from London and containing modifications of and additions to that submitted in said note.	39
Mr. Wharton to Sir J. Pauncefote.	June 9	Reply to the above. Protests against the presenting of new propositions at this time; proceeds to discuss them and submits a form of agreement drafted with slight modifications after that presented on June 6; insists upon the necessity of a speedy settlement.	40
Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Wharton.	June 10	Presents a defense of the motives of Lord Salisbury in introducing new propositions at this time, but says they will probably not be insisted upon except that for a joint commission of four experts to report on the necessity for international arrangements.	43
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Mr. Wharton to Sir J. Pauncefote.	June 11	Acknowledges the above and accepts, pending a fuller reply, the terms therein presented.	44
Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Wharton.	June 13	He has received telegraphic permission to sign agreement under previously understood condition as to joint commission.	44
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Mr. Wharton to Sir J. Pauncefote	June 20	Instructions issued by the Navy Department in pursuance of the above proclamation. Sir J. Pauncefote is furnished copies thereof and asked for instructions issued by the British Government.	46
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Sir J. Pauncefote (memorandum)	June 23	Instructions issued to British naval senior officer etated. Suggestion of indemnity for any act in execution of the <i>modus vivendi</i> submitted.	49
Mr. Wharton to Sir J. Pauncefote.	June 25	Objections of British Government to arbitration proposition No. 6, presented by Mr. Blaine on Dec. 17, 1890. Reply to Lord Salisbury's note of the 26th of February, 1891, and of Sir J. Pauncefote's of June 8. The objection of the reference of the question of closed time to arbitration in such words as to attribute abnormal rights to the United States is met by a new proposition avoiding that objection; submits also a final clause in the matter of indemnification by which the interests of the United States as owner of the seal fisheries are not ignored as in the suggestion made in the note of June 2. Agreement in regard to the appointment of commissioners to visit the Pribyloff Islands proposed.	49
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