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The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 31, 1871

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I HAVE laid before Earl Granville your letter of the 21st inst.,\* enclosing copies of correspondence with the Governor of Newfoundland and the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island respecting the provisional admission of American fishermen to the inshore fisheries of those Islands; and I am in reply to request that you will state to the Earl of Kimberley that Lord Granville has no doubt that the Government of Newfoundland is right in assuming that the omission of the mention of Newfoundland in the passage in Mr. Fish's note to Sir E. Thornton, referred to, was unintentional.

Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington will, however, be instructed to call Mr. Fish's attention to the omission as being understood to be by inadvertence. His Lordship wishes the Government of Newfoundland to be informed that the intention of the two notes was that, pending reciprocal legislation, in return for the immediate provisional admission of American fishermen to the inshore fisheries, drawbacks should be granted on the import duties taken in the United States on the fish-oil and fish which are to be hereafter admitted free for a term of years under the 21st Article of the Treaty.

I am to add that, as regards the desire expressed by the Government of Prince Edward Island that some person should be appointed to attend the Commission at Halifax, it appears to Lord Granville that it would not only be permissible, but highly desirable, that Prince Edward Island and the other Provinces should furnish the fullest information before the Commission as to the value of the inshore fisheries on their coasts.

The 24th Article of the Treaty provides that the Commissioners shall be bound to receive such oral or written testimony as either Government may present, and it will, consequently, be competent for the Government of Prince Edward Island to send to Halifax any person who may be selected as best capable of giving evidence on its behalf.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) ODO RUSSELL.

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The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 26, 1871.

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WITH reference to your letter of the 21st of August\* last, respecting a question raised by the Governor of Newfoundland on the omission of the word "Newfoundland" in Mr. Fish's note of May 8th last, on the subject of the fishery stipulations of the Washington Treaty, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington explaining the matter.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

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MY LORD,

Washington, October 10, 1871.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 32, of the 31st of August, on the subject of the omission of the word "Newfoundland" in Mr. Fish's note of May 8 last on the subject of the fishery stipulations in the Treaty of that date, I have the honour to state that on calling Mr. Bancroft Davis's attention to the circumstance he at once acknowledged the omission, and attributed it to a clerical error, which has now been set right by the note, copy of which is herewith enclosed, but which reached me too late for transmission by the mail of the 3rd inst.

The Earl Granville, K.G.,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) F. PAKENHAM.