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I have, &c.
(Signed) MICHAEL H. HERBERT.

Inclosure 2 in No. 32.

Report of a Committee of the Privy Council, October 1, 1892.

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, hereto attached, dated the 13th September, 1892, from the Honourable Michael H. Herbert, and the letter therewith of the Honourable Secretary of State of the United States, concerning the appointment of Mr. Mendenhall as Commissioner under Articles I and II of the Alaska Boundary Convention.

The Minister of the Interior, to whom the question was referred, recommends that the necessary steps be taken to inform the Government of the United States that provision for the expenses of the Canadian Commissioner has been made by warrant of your Excellency, and that there need, therefore, be no delay in the commencement of the work of the Commission.

The Minister desires to point out that it might be as well, in order to save time in the arrangement of preliminaries, that the two Commissioners be authorized to communicate directly with each other, and to fix the date of their first meeting.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

The Committee further advise that your Excellency be moved to inform Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington in the sense of this Minute.

All which is respectfully submitted to your Excellency's approval.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

No. 33.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Sir,

Foreign Office, October 26, 1892.

I AM directed by the Earl of Rosebery to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, inclosing copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, forwarding a Minute of the Privy Council with regard to a notice which it is proposed to issue to certain United States' fishermen who have erected weirs on what are known as the "middle grounds" in Lubeck Narrows.

Lord Rosebery agrees with the Marquis of Ripon that, if the proposed Notice has not yet been issued by the Canadian Government, it will be preferable that the people concerned should simply receive warning that their weirs are erected in Canadian waters, and that they may be called upon to remove them.

I am, &c.
(Signed) P. CURRIE.

P.S.—The Chart which accompanied your letter is returned as requested.

P. C.

No. 34.

Mr. Herbert to the Earl of Rosebery.—(Received November 7.)

(No. 306.)

My Lord,

Washington, October 26, 1892.

WITH reference to my despatch No. 295 of the 14th instant in regard to the meeting of the Alaska Boundary Commissioners, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have received a note from Mr. Foster, in which he states that the American Commissioner has been instructed to make arrangements, as soon as possible, for the first meeting of the Commission.

I have, &c.
(Signed) MICHAEL H. HERBERT.