

inclose, for your Lordship's information and guidance, a copy of the Report which I have received from them, together with the extract of the Lieutenant-Governor's despatch, and a copy of the previous opinion of the Law Officers to which he referred.

Your Lordship will perceive that the Law Officers consider the Lieutenant-Governor's construction of their Report to be incorrect; but that they call attention to the provisions of the Act of the 59th Geo. III, cap. 38, of which I inclose a copy, and which renders an Act of the Imperial Parliament necessary to give effect to any such stipulations with regard to fisheries as those now in question.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 5.

The Earl of Clarendon to Lord Elgin.

(No. 3.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, May 4, 1854.

I TRANSMIT to your Lordship a copy of a report which has been made to me by Dr. Twiss, of the Civil Law Bar, on the provisions of the 1st Article of the Convention between Great Britain and the United States of the 20th October, 1818.

Your Lordship will find in this paper able and conclusive arguments in support of the view taken by the British Government of that Article, and you will make use of those arguments as you may think most expedient in your discussions with the Government of the United States.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 6.

The Earl of Clarendon to Lord Elgin.

(No. 4.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, May 4, 1854.

ALTHOUGH your Lordship will not be called upon to discuss the questions to which the inclosed papers relate, I think it desirable that you should have in your possession copies of the Memoranda which have been interchanged between the United States' Minister in this country and myself respecting the territories occupied by Great Britain in the Bay of Honduras, and the Protectorate afforded to the Mosquito nation by the British Crown.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 7.

The Earl of Clarendon to Lord Elgin.

(No. 5.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, May 4, 1854.

WITH reference to the wish which would seem to be now entertained in Newfoundland to be included in the stipulations of any Treaty which may be entered into with the United States for the settlement of the Fishery and Trade Questions, I have to state to your Lordship that, considering that certain special privileges of fishing in the neighbourhood of Newfoundland are enjoyed by France, it will be necessary to insert in an Article by which greater rights of fishing on the coast of Newfoundland than they now enjoy should be conceded to the United States, words to this effect,—“saving and excepting the rights of France on the coast of Newfoundland.”

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.
