

No. 25.

GOVERNOR SIR H. F. B. MAXSE, K.C.M.G., (NEWFOUNDLAND), to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY. (Received July 12, 1883.)

MY LORD,

Government House, Newfoundland,
July 3, 1883.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 16th ultimo* on the subject of the repayment by Newfoundland of the sum advanced by Her Majesty's Government in satisfaction of the Fortune Bay fishery claim.

2. Your Lordship is kind enough to inform me that in consideration of the general circumstances of the case Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to consider favourably any application which may be made by the Government of Newfoundland to be released from the repayment of the whole sum, 14,850*l.*, provided my Government will undertake to pay at once into the Imperial Exchequer the amount of Judge Bennett's assessment.

3. I beg to transmit herewith a copy of a Minute in Council on the above subject, and I have further the honour to enclose for transmission to the Imperial Exchequer a bill on the Union Bank of London for the sum of 3,604*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* sterling, being the equivalent at the present rate of exchange of \$17,300, as assessed by Judge Bennett, in full settlement of the claim in question.

4. I am also requested to make application to your Lordship that the above sum be received by Her Majesty's Government in full discharge of the indebtedness of this Government in the matter of the Fortune Bay fishery claim.

I have, &c.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, (Signed) H. FITZ. B. MAXSE.
&c. &c. &c.

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EXTRACT from the MINUTES OF COUNCIL of 30th June, 1883.

HIS Excellency the Governor has laid before the Council the Despatch of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies of 16th June 1883, on the subject of repayment to Her Majesty's Government of the amount paid by them in satisfaction of the Fortune Bay fishery claim.

The Council fully appreciate the spirit of the proposition of Her Majesty's Government to accept the sum of \$17,300, as assessed by Judge Bennett, in full settlement of the claim in question, and they agree that this amount be forthwith transmitted to the Imperial Treasury.

The Council desire thankfully to acknowledge the prompt attention bestowed on this question by the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Signed) E. D. SHEA,
Clerk, Executive Council.

No. 26.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

SIR,

Downing Street, July 17, 1883.

WITH reference to the letter from this Department of the 25th of June†, and to previous correspondence respecting the sum advanced by Her Majesty's Government in settlement of the Fortune Bay claim, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a Despatch‡ from the Governor of Newfoundland, enclosing a Minute in Council on the subject, with a bill for the sum of 3,604*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

* No. 23.

† No. 24.

‡ No. 25.