

CONFIDENTIAL.

Further Correspondence respecting the Occurrences at Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, in January 1878.

[In continuation of Confidential Paper No. 3851.]

No. 1.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.

Sir, *Foreign Office, February 20, 1879.*
WITH reference to your letter of the 7th instant, relative to the instructions to be given to the magistrate appointed to proceed to Fortune Bay, I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to state to you, for the information of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, that his Lordship would be glad, before expressing an opinion, as requested in your letter, to be informed whether the Fishery Laws which it is now proposed to enforce, and which appear to be contained in Consolidated Acts of the Colonial Legislature, are, as to all or any of them, merely re-enactments of laws in force at the date of the Treaty of Washington.

I am, &c.
(Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 2.

Mr. Bramston to Lord Tenterden.—(Received February 25.)

My Lord, *Downing Street, February 24, 1879.*
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, inquiring whether certain provisions of the law of Newfoundland relating to the Fisheries, the enforcement of which at Fortune Bay in that Colony has been contemplated, and which are quoted in a notice proposed to be issued by the Local Government (copy inclosed in my letter of the 20th December last), are, as to all or any of them, merely re-enactments of laws in force at the date of the Treaty of Washington.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach desires me to state in reply, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, that the provisions of the law quoted in the first three paragraphs of the notice are, with the following exception, substantially the same as those contained in an Act of the local Legislature passed in 1862, from which they appear to have been taken in the compilation of the Consolidated Statutes, and of which a copy is inclosed.

The exception is as follows:—

The words "twelfth day of April," which occur in section 1 of the Act of 1862, have been altered by a later Act to the words "twenty-fifth day of April." This alteration was made by an Act of a date subsequent to that of the Treaty of Washington, viz., Cap. VI of 1876.