

The XXIVth Article of the Treaty states that the proceedings shall be conducted in such order as the Commissioners shall determine; and contemplates that either Government may offer oral or written testimony, and also present a Case for the consideration of the Commissioners.

The Case on the part of Her Majesty's Government has been drafted in Canada, and, when finally settled and approved by Her Majesty's Government, it will be given to you for presentation.

Her Majesty's Government, relying upon the judgment and ability which you have shown in the discharge of your diplomatic duties, and on all other occasions when your services have been called for, do not consider it necessary to give you more specific instructions at present; and have only to add that it is their desire, as they feel confident it will be your wish, that you should co-operate, in all matters connected with the Commission, in the most cordial manner with the Canadian Government, and with all the Colonial Authorities with whom you may be brought in contact.

I am, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

No. 3.

The Earl of Derby to Mr. Ford.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 27, 1875.*
I HAVE to acquaint you that I have appointed Mr. J. H. G. Bergne, of this Office, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Agency at Halifax, and to assist you generally in any business connected with the Fishery Commission in which you may think proper to employ his services.

I am, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

No. 4.

Mr. Ford to the Earl of Derby.—(Received August 30.)

My Lord, *Worthing, August 28, 1875.*
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 27th instant, informing me that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint me to be Her Majesty's Agent to attend the Commission on the Fisheries about to be appointed to meet at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the provisions of the XXIIInd and XXIIIrd Articles of the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of the 8th May, 1871.

I have likewise the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Her Majesty's Commission to that effect inclosed in your Lordship's despatch.

I have, &c.
(Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.

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