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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir Edmund HEAD to Mr. Secretary LABOUCHERE.

(No. 64.)

Government House, Toronto, April 29, 1856.

SIR,

(Received May 19, 1856.)

IN compliance with Sir William Molesworth's despatch of the 3rd of August, 1855, No. 10, I have the honour to enclose certified copies of the Acts now in force in this Province relating to fisheries.

The collection has been examined by the Attorney-General for Canada East, whose signature attests it to be complete and authentic.

Copies of this collection have been sent to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, and to each of the Governors of the different North American Colonies.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. H. Labouchere,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.

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ACTS relating to FISHERIES IN CANADA.

9 Geo. IV, cap. 51 (Lower Canada). 4 & 5 Vict., cap. 36. 7 Vict., cap. 13. 8 Vict., cap. 47. 16 Vict., cap. 92. 18 Vict., caps. 114, 144; and Extract from "The Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855" (18 Vict., cap. 100).

9 GEO. IV, CAP. 51. (Lower Canada.)

9 Geo. IV, cap. 51. An Act for the Preservation of the Salmon Fisheries in the Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland.
continued by 18 Vict., c. 85.

Preamble.

Penalty for catching salmon in the county of Cornwallis or Northumberland, eastward of Cap Tourmente, after the 1st day of August in any year.
Proviso.

WHEREAS an Act passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign, for the better regulation of the fisheries in the Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland, will expire on the first day of May next; and whereas it is expedient again to make provision, for a limited time thereafter, for the preservation of the salmon fisheries in the county of Cornwallis, and in that part of the county of Northumberland lying eastward of Cap Tourmente: Be it therefore enacted, &c., That it shall not be lawful to catch or kill salmon in the said county of Cornwallis, or in that part of the said county of Northumberland lying eastward of Cap Tourmente, by any means or in any manner whatsoever, from and after the said first day of August, in any year during this Act; nor shall it be lawful, during the said period, to buy or receive from the Indians any salmon after the first day of August aforesaid, nor from any person whatever any salmon caught or killed and offered for sale in either of the said counties after the said day, under the penalty of five shillings currency, for every offence in disobedience to this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to prevent the Indians from catching and killing salmon for their own and for their families' use at any time.

Salmon not to be prevented from passing freely and without obstruction.

II. And whereas it is necessary for the preservation and improvement of the salmon fisheries in the aforesaid counties, that salmon be not prevented from passing freely and without obstruction, the different rivers therein, up to their spawning places: Be it there-