

The Law Officers of the Crown to Earl Russell.—(Received August 1.)

My Lord,

Temple, July 31, 1863.

WE are honoured with your Lordship's commands signified in Mr. Layard's letter of the 24th instant, stating, with reference to the Report of the Attorney- and Solicitor-General of the 6th of January last, addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, he was directed by your Lordship to transmit to us, together with the previous papers, a letter from the Colonial Office, inclosing, with a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, a copy of an Act of the Legislature of that Colony providing for the better management of the local fisheries, to which are appended Regulations made by the Government and Council for carrying out the provisions of the Act. And to request that we would take this Act, and the Regulations annexed to it, into our consideration, and report to your Lordship whether, in our opinion, they contain anything at variance with the Treaties between this country and the United States.

In obedience to your Lordship's commands we have taken these papers into consideration, and have the honour to report—

That we are of opinion that the Act and Regulations in question do not contain any provisions at variance with the Treaties between Great Britain and the United States.

We have, &c.

(For the Attorney-General and myself)

(Signed)

ROUNDELL PALMER.

ROBERT PHILLIMORE.

No. 155.

Mr. Layard to Sir F. Rogers.

Sir,

Foreign Office, August 4, 1863.

I AM directed by Earl Russell to request that you will state to the Duke of Newcastle that his Lordship thought it right to consult the Law Advisers of the Crown on the question raised in your letter of the 17th ultimo, as to whether the Act passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick for the better management of the local fisheries contained anything at variance with the Treaties between this country and the United States; and I am now to transmit to you, herewith to be laid before his Grace, a copy of a Report from the Law Officers stating that in their opinion, the Act and Regulations appended thereto do not contain any provisions at variance with the Treaties.*

I am, &c

(Signed)

A. H. LAYARD.