

which would place the trade of the island with the United States on the same footing of reciprocity as it is proposed to place the trade between those States and the other British Provinces, it is impossible to make the settlement of the embarrassing questions in regard to Colonial intercourse which the British Government and that of the United States are equally desirous of effecting, dependent on the contingency of the assent of the Island Legislature which there is every reason to suppose would be withheld.

It would seem then that, if the Legislature of Newfoundland and the United States are prepared to make arrangements for the extended permission of American fishermen to the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland, the adjustment of the terms on which those arrangements should be effected, can only safely be attempted by a separate Treaty between Great Britain and the United States having reference to Newfoundland alone. Such an arrangement your Lordship may feel yourself at liberty to propose to the Government of the United States, if in your discussion with that Government while at Washington, you should find it disposed to treat on the questions of Fisheries and Trade as already put before it, and decisions of embracing Newfoundland within the provisions of any Treaty by which those questions should be arranged.

Under any circumstances it is desirable that your Lordship should, even without waiting to ascertain whether the Government of the United States is prepared to assent to an exceptional arrangement as regards Newfoundland, at once communicate with the Governor of that island, and state the views of Her Majesty's Government as set forth in this despatch; and your Lordship will request the Governor to inform you without loss of time of what sacrifices of revenue the Legislature of the island may be disposed to make for the purpose of facilitating your negotiations on its behalf.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 17.

The Earl of Clarendon to Lord Elgin.

(No. 7.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, May 19, 1854.

WITH reference to my despatch No. 6 of this day's date, I have to state to your Lordship that, in the event of its proving to be impossible to include Newfoundland in any General Treaty with the United States, an Article might perhaps be inserted in such General Treaty, providing that the questions respecting Newfoundland were reserved for a separate negotiation.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 18.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

(No. 127. Confidential.)

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 19, 1854.

I INCLOSE herewith, confidentially, for your information, a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to the Earl of Elgin respecting the question of including Newfoundland in the arrangements which his Lordship may have to make with the Government of the United States in regard to fishery and commercial intercourse.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 19.

Mr. Hammond to Dr. Twiss.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 20, 1854.

I AM directed by the Earl of Clarendon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, stating your opinion as to the interpretation to be put upon the expressions respecting fisheries employed in the 1st Article of the Convention of the