

North America against deterioration and destruction by means of set lines on the spawn banks, and like destructive practices.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That to enable the President to carry into effect this Act, the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 15, 1862.

Inclosure 2 in No. 141.

*Mr. Seward to Lord Lyons.*

My Lord,

*Washington, April 2, 1862.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that Congress has passed an Act for the establishment of a Joint Commission for the preservation of the Atlantic fisheries, and that Lorenzo Sabine, Esq., has been appointed Commissioner under it on the part of this Government.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

No. 142.

*Mr. Hammond to Sir F. Rogers.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 26, 1862.*

WITH reference to my letter of the 19th of December last, I am directed by Earl Russell to transmit to you herewith copies of a despatch and its inclosures from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington,\* from which it appears that, although the French Government have declined to take part with Great Britain and the United States in a Joint Commission for the protection of the Atlantic fisheries, the Congress of the United States has passed an Act authorizing the appointment of such a Commission, and the United State's Government has nominated Mr. Lorenzo Sabine to act as their Commissioner under it; and I am to request that, in laying Lord Lyons' despatch before the Duke of Newcastle, you will move his Grace to favour Lord Russell with his opinion as to the course which he would propose to adopt in the matter.

I am, &c

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 143.

*Earl Russell to Lord Lyons.*

(No. 235.)

My Lord,

*Foreign Office, May 24, 1862.*

IT appears from your despatch No. 235 of the 7th of April, that, although the French Government have declined to take part with those of Great Britain and of the United States in nominating a Joint Commission for the protection of the fisheries off the northern coast of America, the Congress of the United States have passed an Act authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner on their behalf, and that Mr. Lorenzo Sabine has been so appointed by the President; and I have to instruct your Lordship to report to me your opinion whether any good would be derived from the appointment of a Commission composed only of a British and American Commissioner, without the co-operation of a Commissioner on the part of France.

I am, &c.

(Signed) RUSSELL.