

the judicial proceedings in the District Court in Alaska, and that instructions have been sent by telegraph to Sir L. West.

You will be so good as to transmit to me a copy of any printed papers which have been laid before the Parliament of the Dominion on this subject.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General,

The Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, 8th July, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 27th ultimo, relating to the case of the seizure of certain British vessels when engaged in seal fishing last autumn in Behring's Sea.

In reply, I am to request that you will state to Sir H. Holland that in Lord Salisbury's opinion it is very desirable that, before any further representations are made to the United States Government with a view to obtaining reparation, Her Majesty's Government should be in possession of the records of the judicial proceedings in the District Court in Alaska, and instructions have been sent by telegraph to Sir L. West, directing him to request that he may be furnished with these documents by the United States Government for the use of Her Majesty's Government.

I am further to request that this Department may be supplied with a copy of the papers which have been laid before the Canadian Parliament in regard to this question.

I am, &c.,

J. V. LISTER.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

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*Sir H. T. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 15th August, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers with reference to previous correspondence, copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing copies of two despatches which have been addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, respecting the seizure of British sealing schooners in Behring Sea by an American revenue vessel.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General, the Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., &c.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, 12th August, 1887.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of 23th July last, I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you for the information of Sir H. Holland, copies of two despatches, Nos. 193 and 194, 10th instant, which have been addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington in regard to the seizure of British sealing schooners in Behring Sea by the United States authorities.

I am, &c.,

J. V. LISTER.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.