

Correspondence respecting the Halifax Fisheries Commission.

No. 1.

The Earl of Derby to Sir A. Galt.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 27, 1875.*
THE Queen having been graciously pleased to appoint you to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner at the Commission to be appointed to meet at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the provisions of the XXIIInd and following Articles of the Treaty of Washington of the 8th May, 1871, I transmit to you herewith Her Majesty's Commission to that effect, under the Royal Sign-Manual.

I also inclose a copy of the Treaty, from which you will see the nature of the duties entrusted to you.

The XXIIIrd Article of the Treaty provides that one Commissioner shall be named by Her Britannic Majesty, one by the President of the United States, and a third by Her Britannic Majesty and the President of the United States conjointly; and in case the third Commissioner shall not have been so named within a period of three months from the date when this Article shall take effect, then the third Commissioner shall be named by the Representative at London of His Majesty the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

Her Majesty's Government are not yet informed of the appointment of a Commissioner on the part of the United States, nor have arrangements yet been concluded for the appointment of the third Commissioner; but full information will be afforded to you in regard to these and other matters relating to the proceedings of the Commission as soon as Her Majesty's Government are in a position to render it.

I have to add that Mr. F. C. Ford, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Darmstadt, has been named to attend the Commission as Her Majesty's Agent in accordance with the XXIIIrd Article of the Treaty.

I am, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

No. 2.

The Earl of Derby to Mr. Ford.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 27, 1875.*
THE Queen having been graciously pleased to appoint you to be Her Majesty's Agent to attend the Commission on the Fisheries, about to be appointed to meet at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the provisions of the XXIIInd and XXIIIrd Articles of the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of the 8th May, 1871, I transmit to you herewith Her Majesty's Commission to that effect.

I also transmit to you a copy of the Treaty, from which you will see the object of the Commission, and the nature of your duties in attendance upon it.

The date at which the Commission will meet is at present uncertain; but, in order that you may possess a full knowledge of the subjects to which you will have to direct your attention, it will be desirable that you should at once place yourself in communication with the proper Departments of this Office and of the Colonial Office, who will have directions to afford you access to all the information and correspondence with which it may be useful to you to be made acquainted.