

No. 310.

Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.

(No. 226.)

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 11, 1873.*
 WITH reference to your despatch No. 285 of the 30th of June, I transmit, to you herewith, for your information, copy of a letter from the Colonial Office upon the subject of the Newfoundland seal fisheries.*

I am, &c.
 (Signed) GRANVILLE.

No. 311.

Sir E. Thornton to Earl Granville.

(Telegraphic.)

August 11, 1873.

IN consequence of a telegram from the Governor-General of Canada, I had already spoken to Mr. Fish as from myself about the Belgian Minister as third Commissioner. He positively declined to entertain his appointment, on the ground chiefly that the American people would not consider him an impartial person. I think it useless to urge it on the part of Her Majesty's Government.

No. 312.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Herbert.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 11, 1873.*
 WITH reference to your letter of the 7th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a telegraphic despatch that his Lordship has addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, in regard to the appointment of a third Commissioner for the Fishery Commission at Halifax.†

I am, &c.
 (Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 313.

Mr. Herbert to Mr. Hammond.—(Received August 12.)

Sir, *Downing Street, August 11, 1873.*
 WITH reference to my letter of the 5th instant, inclosing copies of the Canadian case on the Fishery Question, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Granville, a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, dated the 18th July, requesting that the case may be modified, at Earl Granville's discretion, before it is submitted to the Commissioners.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Inclosure in No. 313.

The Earl of Dufferin to the Earl of Kimberley.

My Lord, *Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island, July 18, 1873.*

IN conformity with the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch, May 20th, 1872, I have the honour to forward seven copies of a draft case prepared by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, setting forth the Canadian view of the Fishery Question now pending between the Dominion and the Government of the United States.

I am informed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that the facts and statements contained in this Memorandum are accurate, and I am now requested by my responsible advisers to move your Lordship to transmit it to the Foreign Office to be modified in its