

Her Majesty, when the letter arrives at Washington, and that the Congress has already passed a Law to give effect to that Treaty.

With reference to the hope expressed by the American Minister that he may be enabled to announce to his Government by the mail of this week that orders have been sent to the British Colonies not to molest American fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the Treaty of Reciprocity, I am to request that you will state to Sir George Grey that Lord Clarendon would recommend that the requisite orders to that effect should be sent without delay to the various British Governors.

I am to add that I have, by Lord Clarendon's direction, addressed a similar letter to the Secretary of the Admiralty, as regards the communication to be made to the Commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the North American Station.

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

No. 31.

*Mr. Hammond to the Secretary to the Admiralty.**

(Confidential.)

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 18, 1854.*
WITH reference to my letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of the Treaty signed by the Earl of Elgin with the Secretary of State of the United States, respecting colonial fisheries and trade, the ratification of which by Her Majesty will be sent this evening to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, to be exchanged against the ratification of the President of the United States.

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

No. 32.

Mr. Merivale to Mr. Hammond.—(Received August 18.)

Sir, *Downing Street, August 18, 1854.*
I HAVE laid before Secretary Sir George Grey your letter and its inclosures of the 16th instant, and another of this day's date with its inclosure, and I have to inform you that instructions will be issued by to-day's mail to the Governors of the British North American Provinces, not to molest American fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the Treaty of Reciprocity.

I am, &c.
(Signed) HERMAN MERIVALE.

No. 33.

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Mr. Hammond.—(Received August 18.)

Sir, *Admiralty, August 18, 1854.*
HAVING laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the Reciprocity Fishery Treaty between this country and the United States, I am commanded by their Lordships to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Clarendon, a copy of an instruction, which, in pursuance of his Lordship's recommendation, they have addressed to Rear-Admiral Fanshawe on this subject.

I am, &c.
(Signed) R. OSBORNE.

* A similar letter was addressed to the Colonial Office.