No. 440.

Lord Tenterden to Sir H. Holland.

Sir. Foreign Office, August 7, 1874. I AM directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, for his perusal, a despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at

Washington,* on the subject of the proposed Reciprocity Treaty.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

TENTERDEN.

No. 441.

Mr. Rothery to the Earl of Derby.—(Received August 8.)

(No. 44.)

Doctors' Commons, August 7, 1874.

My Lord, I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 13 of the 3rd ultimo, informing me that, as there was no prospect of the Fisheries Commission meeting at present, I was at liberty to return to England, and conveying to me the approval by Her Majesty's Government of my proceedings. I beg to express to your Lordship my very sincere thanks for the kind and courteous terms in which that approval has been conveyed; and to assure your Lordship that, so far from my detention in America having occasioned me any inconvenience, it has, owing to the very kind permission given to me by your Lordship to visit California, been attended with much pleasure, and I trust some profit to myself.

I should have acknowledged the receipt of your Lordship's despatch sooner, but I have only recently received it, as it had been sent out to the United States; and I had, in accordance with directions conveyed to me by telegram, already left before it had

reached that country.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. C. ROTHERY.

No. 442.

Mr. Rothery to the Earl of Derby.—(Received August 8.)

(No. 45.)

Doctors' Commons, August 8, 1874. My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that, in accordance with the intention expressed in my despatch No. 42 of the 9th ultimo, I left New York on Wednesday, the 15th of the same month, on board the "Scotia," and arrived in London on Saturday the 25th, bringing with me all the papers and documents relating to the North American Fishery Question, except one very large map of the fishing-grounds, which I left in charge of the British Legation at Washington.

I propose, as soon as I can find time, to arrange all the books and papers, and to hand them over to the respective Departments. I shall also, during the ensuing autumn months, complete the Memorandum which I had commenced before leaving England, and shall bring it down to the present time, as it would probably he of use, in case the

Fishery question should be again raised at some future time.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. C. ROTHERY.

No. 443.

Mr Watson to the Earl of Derby.—(Received August 9.)

(No. 43.)

Newport, July 27, 1874. My Lord,

I BEG leave to inclose herewith to your Lordship an extract from the New York "Tribune," of the 24th instant, being a report to that journal of a national, or more properly speaking, an international, meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade with