

Newfoundland, respecting the question whether American fishermen on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador are subject to the laws and regulations of that Colony for the conduct of the fisheries.

I am to state to you in reply, for the information of the Duke of Newcastle, that Lord Russell entirely concurs in the proposed instructions to the Governor of Newfoundland on this subject.

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

No. 152.

Earl Russell to Lord Lyons.

(No 50. Confidential.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, January 26, 1863.

I INCLOSE, for your information, a copy of an instruction which has been addressed confidentially by the Duke of Newcastle to the Governor of Newfoundland,* respecting the question whether American fishermen on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador were subject to the laws and regulations of that Colony for the conduct of the fisheries.

I am, &c.
(Signed) RUSSELL.

No. 153.

Mr. Elliot to Mr. Hammond.—(Received July 17.)

Sir,

Downing Street, July 17, 1863.

I AM directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you, for the consideration of Earl Russell, a copy of a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, inclosing an Act for the better management of the local fisheries, to which are appended Regulations made by the Governor and Council for carrying out the provisions of the Act.

With reference to the Report of the Law Officers of the Crown, a copy of which was inclosed in the letter from this Office of the 17th of January last, I am to request that you will move Lord Russell to inform his Grace whether, in his Lordship's opinion, this Act, or the Regulations annexed to it, contain anything at variance with the provisions of the Treaties referred to by the Law Officers.

I am, &c.
(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.

Inclosure in No. 153.

Mr. Gordon to the Duke of Newcastle.

My Lord Duke,

Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 23, 1863.

IN my despatch of the 30th March last, I had the honour to transmit to your Grace copies of a Report from my private secretary, Mr. Wilson, on the subject of the Fisheries of New Brunswick.

2. This Report was laid before both Houses of the Legislature, and I have now the satisfaction to inclose, for your Grace's information, six copies of an Act which has been passed for the better management of the fisheries, and of the Regulations made by me in Council for carrying out the provisions of the Act itself.

3. A good deal of difficulty may be experienced in giving practical effect to this Act; but I trust that the absolute necessity for some such measure will be sufficiently generally recognized to ensure its eventual success.

4. I may mention, as an illustration of the advantages likely to be derived from the passage of this Act, that the lease for five years of the first fishing-station let under its provisions, was taken at a rent of 770*l.* per annum, by parties who had carried on their fisheries previously at the same place without any payment whatsoever to the Crown.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ARTHUR H. GORDON.