

NEWFOUND- I forwarded in my Despatch, No. 146, the following words have been added :—"The Government of the  
LAND. "United States would be prepared at the same time to admit British subjects to the right of fishing in  
"the waters of the United States specified in the Treaty; but . . . . ."  
I also enclose copy of my answer to Mr. Fish, and hope your Lordship will find that his note, with the  
addition above mentioned, and my answer, are in accordance with the terms of your Lordship's telegram  
of 9th inst., transmitted through Earl de Grey.

His Lordship has seen both the enclosed notes, and approves of their contents.

The Earl Granville, K.G.,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) EDWARD THORNTON.

SIR,

Department of State, Washington, May 8, 1871.

As several Articles of the Treaty which has been signed this day, relating to the admission of citizens of the United States to fish within the territorial waters of Her Britannic Majesty on the coasts of Canada, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, cannot come into full operation until the legislation contemplated in that instrument shall have taken place, and as it seems to be in accordance with the interests of both Governments, in furtherance of the objects and spirit of the Treaty, that the citizens of the United States should have the enjoyment of that liberty during the present season, I am directed by the President to express to you his hope that Her Majesty's Government will be prepared, in the event of the ratification of the Treaty, to make on their own behalf, and to urge the Governments of the Dominion of Canada, of Prince Edward Island, and of Newfoundland, to make, for the season referred to, within their respective jurisdictions, such relaxations and regulations as it may respectively be in their power to adopt, with a view to the admission of American fishermen to the liberty which it is proposed to secure to them by the Treaty. The Government of the United States would be prepared at the same time to admit British subjects to the right of fishing in the waters of the United States, specified in the Treaty; but as the admission into the United States free of duty of any articles which are by law subject to duty cannot be allowed without the sanction of Congress, the President will, in case the above suggestion meets with the views of the British Government, recommend and urge upon Congress at their next session, that any duties which may have been collected on and after the 1st day of July next, on fish-oil and fish (except fish of the inland lakes and of the rivers falling into the same, and except fish preserved in oil), the produce of the fisheries of the Dominion of Canada and of Prince Edward Island, shall be returned and refunded to the parties paying the same, if a similar arrangement is made with respect to the admission into the British possessions of fish-oil and fish (with the like exception), being the produce of the fisheries of the United States.

Sir E. Thornton, K.C.B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) HAMILTON FISH.

SIR,

Washington May 9, 1871.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday's date, and to inform you in reply that I have been authorized by Earl Granville to state that in the event of the ratification of the Treaty signed yesterday, Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to recommend to the Governments of the Dominion of Canada, of Prince Edward Island, and of Newfoundland, that the provisional arrangement proposed in your note above mentioned, with regard to the right of fishing by United States' citizens on the coasts of those British possessions and by British subjects in the waters of the United States described in Article XIX. of the Treaty, shall take effect during the coming season, on the understanding that the ultimate decision of this question must rest with the above-mentioned Colonial Governments, who would be asked to grant the immediate and certain right of fishing within the territorial waters of those Colonies, whilst the return of the import duties on fish from the 1st of July next, promised by the United States, is prospective and contingent on the action of Congress.

The Hon. Hamilton Fish,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) EDWARD THORNTON.

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The COLONIAL OFFICE to the FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,

Downing Street, June 23, 1871.

I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Granville, a copy of a Despatch which his Lordship has addressed to the Governor-General of Canada, conveying to him the views of Her Majesty's Government with respect to some of the provisions of the Treaty recently signed at Washington.

The Right Hon. E. Hammond,  
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

Sec. of State,  
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