

## No. 11.

*The Earl of Derby to Sir E. Thornton.*

Sir, *Foreign Office, July 3, 1874.*  
 I HAVE received your despatch of the 17th ultimo, forwarding the amended draft Reciprocity Treaty which Mr. Fish has promised to submit to the Senate; and I have to state to you that Her Majesty's Government approve your proceedings in the matter.

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) DERBY.

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## No. 12.

*The Earl of Derby to Mr. Thornton.*

(Extract.) *Foreign Office, July 3, 1874.*  
 I HAVE considered the question of the revival of the Fisheries Commission in communication with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has also ascertained the views of the Canadian Government on the subject; and I have to instruct you to address a note to Mr. Fish stating that, on the understanding that the draft Reciprocity Treaty, as agreed to by him, will be considered by the Senate in December next, Her Majesty's Government will await the final result of the consideration which the Treaty may then receive in the Senate, before taking any fresh steps with regard to the Fisheries Commission.

You will add that Her Majesty's Government wish it to be clearly understood that their right to revert to the provisions of the Treaty of Washington for the appointment of the Fisheries Commission is in no way prejudiced by the delay that has occurred or may occur in consequence of the proceedings with reference to the Reciprocity Treaty.

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## No. 13.

*Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received July 5.)*

(Extract.) *Washington, June 23, 1874.*  
 WITH reference to my despatch of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the draft Treaty for regulating reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and Canada was taken into consideration by the Senate yesterday afternoon in secret session. Mr. Brown and I have not yet been able to learn the precise decision which has been come to upon the subject; but we understand that the Senate, being of opinion that the time was too short to go into a thorough examination of so important a question, decided that its consideration should be postponed till the session of Congress, to be held in December next.

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