

Fortune Bay, and that the reference to the Law Officers of the Crown in the latter case is delayed pending the receipt of the Report which is awaited from the Governor of Newfoundland, and I am accordingly to request that Sir John Glover may be instructed to expedite the Report in question.

I am, &c.
(Signed) T. V. LISTER.

No. 16.

Mr. Lister to Mr. Herbert.

Sir, *Foreign Office, November 8, 1879.*
WITH reference to my letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you the accompanying draft of a letter which his Lordship proposes to address to the United States' Chargé d'Affaires at this Court relative to the case of the American schooner "Mist;" and I am to request that in laying this paper before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, you will move him to inform Lord Salisbury whether he concurs in the terms of the proposed communication.

I am, &c.
(Signed) T. V. LISTER.

No. 17.

Mr. Herbert to Mr. Lister.—(Received December 12.)

Sir, *Downing Street, December 10, 1879.*
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 5th and 8th November relating to the case of the American schooner "Mist;" and I am to request that you will inform the Marquis of Salisbury that he concurs in the note proposed to be addressed to the United States' Chargé d'Affaires on this subject.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach also agrees in the propriety of omitting those passages in the inclosures which are referred to in the margin of the note.

With reference to the observations contained in the last paragraph of your letter of the 8th ultimo, in which it is stated that a reference to the Law Officers is suspended until the receipt of the Report from Newfoundland on the Fortune Bay affair, I am desired to call attention to the letter from this Department of the 3rd November, forwarding the Report of Mr. Whiteway upon this subject.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

No. 18.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Mr. Hoppin.

Sir, *Foreign Office, December 17, 1879.*
I REFERRED to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies Mr. Welsh's letter of the 13th August, together with its inclosure, relative to the case of the American schooner "Mist."

I now have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, the accompanying copy of a Report upon the case which has been received, through the Colonial Office, from the Governor of Newfoundland, by whose directions a judicial investigation was made into the matter.*

Copies of the depositions of the several witnesses, taken upon oath, are annexed to the Report; and I venture to express, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, the hope that the United States' Government will share their opinion that there is no foundation for the claim attempted to be set up by the master of the "Mist."

I have, &c.
(Signed) SALISBURY.

* Inclosures in No. 14.