

No. 191.

Lord Stanley of Preston to Lord Knutsford.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA, 26th March, 1892.

The Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

MY LORD,—I had the honour to send to your lordship to-day, a telegraphic message in cypher, of which the following is the substance:

When you suggested a conference, we answered on 1st and again on 3rd of March, acquiescing in proposal. We would be glad if you would telegraph to Newfoundland the substance of your suggestion and of our answer. We believe that Harvey was in London on the above dates, and as our telegram was in reply to your suggestion, we did not send a copy to Newfoundland.

I have, &c.,

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

No. 192.

Lord Knutsford to Lord Stanley of Preston.

DOWNING STREET, 9th April, 1892.

Governor General of Canada, &c., &c.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches Nos. 76 and 77 of the 10th March, forwarding minutes of the Dominion privy council respecting the bait controversy with Newfoundland.

I have carefully considered these papers, and I think that on re-consideration your ministers will agree with Her Majesty's government that they would not be warranted in placing an *ex parte* statement of this controversy prepared by one side only, before the privy council.

Your Ministers will doubtless consider whether there is any other way by which the legality of the action of the Newfoundland government can be tested.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

No. 193.

Lord Stanley of Preston to Lord Knutsford.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA, 12th April, 1892.

The Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c., &c.

MY LORD,—I had the honour to send your lordship to-day a telegraphic message in cypher, of which the following is the substance:—

It is important in view of discussion in Newfoundland that we should at once place on record our proposal embodied in my telegram to you of 1st March.

Have you any objection to my telegraphing in that sense direct to Governor of Newfoundland?

Telegraph answer.

I have, &c.,

STANLEY OF PRESTON.