

Inclosure 2 in No. 117.

Sir A. Shea to the Colonial Secretary, St. John's.

Sir,

St. John's, July 15, 1887.

I BEG to inclose letter from the American Minister in London, and I have to inform you that, if application be made, Her Majesty's Government will be ready to assent to the proposal for a separate Treaty between the United States and this Colony.

I have, &c.
(Signed) A. SHEA.

Inclosure 3 in No. 117.

Administrator Carter to Sir H. Holland.

Sir,

Government House, Newfoundland, August 3, 1887.

WITH reference to the proposal for a separate fishery arrangement between the United States and this Colony, I have the honour to inclose a Minute of the Executive Council just delivered to me for transmission.

I have not deemed it necessary to make any observations on this, as the subject and circumstances are so well known to Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed) F. B. T. CARTER.

Inclosure 4 in No. 117.

Extract from Minutes of the Executive Council of August 3, 1887.

A COMMUNICATION was read from Sir A. Shea, inclosing a letter to him from Mr. Phelps, United States' Minister in London, on the subject of negotiations for an arrangement between the United States' Government and this Colony in relation to fishery questions, and to the effect that the granting of permission during the present season to the United States' fishermen to obtain supplies in the ports of this Colony would be regarded with favour by the Government of the United States in connection with such negotiations.

The Council are gratified at the expression on the part of the United States' Government of a disposition on their part to enter upon negotiations in relation to this important question in a friendly spirit.

The Council are of opinion that it would be greatly to the advantage of the Colony to be in a position to negotiate for an independent (separate) arrangement with the United States in relation to fishery and other cognate questions. And that it is desirable that authority should be obtained from Her Majesty's Government for the purpose of opening communication with the United States' Government upon the subject as soon as opportunity may appear favourable. Subject to such conditions as Her Majesty's Government may consider it advisable to prescribe.

(Signed) M. FENELON, *Colonial Secretary.*

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*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.**Foreign Office, August 24, 1887.*

[Transmits copies of newspaper extracts (Inclosures in Sir L. West's Nos. 73, 74, and 76, Treaty, of August 8 and 12, 1887: *ante*, Nos. 113, 114, and 115.)]