

Sir R. G. W. Herbert to the Officer Administering the Government of Canada.

DOWNING STREET, 27th May, 1887.

MY LORD,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you for communication to your Ministers with reference to previous correspondence the documents specified in the annexed schedule.

I have, &c.,

R. G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering the Government of Canada.

Date.	Description of Document.
6th May.....	Sir L. S. S. West to Foreign Office. The seizures in Behring's Sea.

The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 19th May, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a despatch, as marked in the margin, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, relative to the seizures in Behring's Sea.

I am, &c.,

J. PAUNCEFOTE.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.

WASHINGTON, 6th May, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch No. 88, of April 2nd last, I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that the case of the owners of the American ships seized for sealing in Behring's Sea, against the captain of the United States cruiser "Corwin," has been postponed until the Government is prepared for the defence.

I have, &c.,

L. S. WEST.

The Marquis of Salisbury, &c., &c., &c.

No. 206.

Sir H. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.

DOWNING STREET, 14th July, 1887.

MY LORD,—I referred to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of Your Lordship's despatch, No. 169, of the 21st of May last, enclosing a copy of an approved report of your Privy Council, respecting the action of the United States authorities towards British subjects, in connection with the seizure of Canadian sealing schooners in Behring Sea.

I now enclose, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter received from the Foreign Office in reply, from which it will be seen that the Marquis of Salisbury is of opinion that it will be desirable, before any further representations are made to the United States Government, with a view to obtaining reparation, that Her Majesty's Government should be in possession of the record of