

Inclosure 3 in No. 306.

Proposed despatch to Governor Hill.

Sir,

Downing Street, August , 1873.

I TRANSMIT to you a copy of a letter and of a telegram which I have received from Mr. Bennett on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries. You will observe that Mr. Bennett strongly urges the expediency of appointing a person especially conversant with the fisheries, to represent the Colony at the Commission which is to sit at Halifax.

It may, I fear, be doubtful whether, if the United States' Government persist in maintaining that the Act of the Newfoundland Legislature does not fulfil the conditions necessary to enable the provisions of the Treaty of Washington to be put in force as regards Newfoundland, the Commission can take into consideration the Newfoundland fisheries until this difficulty is removed, but otherwise there is no reason why a person should not be sent by the Colonial Government at their expense to assist Mr. Rothery, of whose appointment as Her Majesty's Agent to attend the Commission I informed you in my despatch of the 10th of July, and who will no doubt be greatly aided by the presence of a Colonial Agent possessing thorough local knowledge.

I have, &c.
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

No. 307.

Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.

(Telegraphic.)

Foreign Office, August 9, 6.20 P.M., 1873.

THE Dominion Government would prefer the Belgian Minister as third Commissioner.

Ascertain whether this would be agreeable to the United States, and also whether he understands English.

No. 308.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1873.

IN reply to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to acquaint you that his Lordship concurs in the despatch which the Earl of Kimberley proposes to address to Governor Hill in regard to the Newfoundland fisheries.

I am to add that copies of your letter and of its inclosures will be sent to Mr. Rothery.

I am, &c.
(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 309.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1873.

WITH reference to my other letter of this day's date, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, the accompanying copy of a telegraphic despatch from Sir E. Thornton, stating that Mr. Fish declined positively to entertain the proposed appointment of the Belgian Minister at Washington as third Commissioner on the Fisheries Question; and I am to request that you will state to Lord Kimberley that, under these circumstances, Lord Granville would suggest that Mr. Fish should be informed that the question of selecting a third Commissioner will be left to the Austrian Ambassador at this Court in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Washington.

I am, &c.
(Signed) E. HAMMOND.