

CIRCULAR DESPATCH addressed to the Governors of Canada and Newfoundland, and to the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. NEWFOUNDLAND.

SIR,

Downing Street, July 22, 1853.

HER Majesty's Legal Advisers having represented that it would greatly facilitate the despatch of public business, and conduce to their convenience in delivering their opinion on the questions repeatedly submitted to them relating to the fisheries in the British North American colonies, if strictly correct returns or answers could be obtained from each of the colonies on the following question: "What are the regulations or laws now in force in the colony of _____ with reference to the fisheries, and especially in connexion with the convention with the United States of the 20th October 1818 and the statute 59 Geo. 3. cap. 38?"

I have directed a collection to be made of the different regulations, laws, and Orders in Council within the cognizance of this office on this subject, which I propose to communicate to the law officers of the Crown for their information and guidance. But, previously to forwarding this collection to them, I have to request you to direct the Law Officers of your government to examine the accompanying copy which I send you, and if it is complete to verify the fact with their signatures. If there are any omissions in the collection you will request them to make it perfect.

It is important that there should be no delay in attending to this instruction, and returning the collection.

I have, &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

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COPY of a DESPATCH* from the Right Hon. Earl BATHURST to the
Lieut.-Governor of Newfoundland.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, April 7, 1819.

I AM commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to transmit to you a Convention which has been agreed upon and ratified between His Royal Highness in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty and the United States of America. This Convention cannot be fully carried into effect without the aid of legislative provisions; but as the fishing season will have commenced before it will be possible that your Lordship should receive my instructions founded upon such provision as Parliament may find it necessary to enact, I am commanded to transmit to your Lordship these provisional instructions for the guidance of your conduct in the execution of the said Convention.

Your Lordship will observe that under the treaty the fishermen of the United States are excluded from fishing within three marine miles of any part of the coasts of His Majesty's dominions in North America, with the exception of the Magdalen Islands, and of those parts of the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador which are particularly described in the first article of the Convention. Their right also to dry and cure fish is limited to the unsettled bays, harbours, and creeks on the southern coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Ray to the Rameau

* Similar Despatches addressed to the Lieut.-Governors of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.