

American fishermen in using at once "the privileges secured to them by the Treaty of Reciprocity."

I cordially congratulate you upon the final settlement of the Fishery Question which has, for so many years, threatened to produce serious difficulties between our two countries. May they ever be friends!

I have, &c.
(Signed) JAMES BUCHANAN.

Inclosure in No. 28.

Mr. Marcy to Mr. Buchanan.

Sir, *Department of State, Washington, August 4, 1854.*
I HAVE to inform you that the Senate has approved the Reciprocity Treaty, and that the President's ratification will be ready for exchange whenever that of Her Britannic Majesty shall be presented for the purpose. Congress has also passed a law to give effect to the Treaty. Inasmuch, therefore, as everything has been done on the part of the United States to give complete effect to the Treaty, they do not doubt that American fishermen will not be molested should they at once attempt to use the privileges secured to them by the Treaty, although Great Britain and the provinces may not have passed the laws required on their part to carry it into complete effect. You will make this expectation known in the proper quarter, with an intimation that it would be advisable that the necessary orders should be forthwith dispatched to the authorities in the Colonies.

I am, &c.
(Signed) W. L. MARCY.

No 29.

Mr. Hammond to the Secretary to the Admiralty.

ir, *Foreign Office, August 16, 1854.*
I AM directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter from the United States' Minister at this Court, inclosing a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State of the United States, by which it appears that the President's ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty, lately signed by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, will be ready to be exchanged against that of Her Majesty's when the latter arrives at Washington, and that the Congress has already passed a law to give effect to that Treaty.*

With reference to the hope expressed by the American Minister that he may be enabled to announce to his Government by the mail of this week that orders have been sent to the British Colonies not to molest American fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the Treaty of Reciprocity, I am to request that you will state to the Lords of the Admiralty that Lord Clarendon would recommend that the requisite orders to that effect should be sent without delay to the Commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's naval forces on the North American station. I am to add that I have, by Lord Clarendon's directions, addressed a similar letter to the Under-Secretary of State of the Colonial Office as regards the communication to be made to the various British Governors.

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

No. 30.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Merivale.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 16, 1854.*
I AM directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before Secretary Sir George Grey, a copy of a letter from the United States' Minister at this Court, inclosing a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State of the United States, by which it appears that the President's ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty, lately signed by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, will be ready to be exchanged against that of