

## CORRESPONDENCE

### *Respecting the Appointment of the Joint High Commission.*

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No. 1.

*Sir E. Thornton to Earl Granville.—(Received February 19.)*

(Extract.)

*Washington, February 6, 1871.*

I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of a correspondence which has passed between Mr. Fish and myself relative to the appointment of a Joint High Commission to sit at Washington for the purpose of considering the questions which have lately arisen relative to the Canadian Fisheries, and any others which affect the relations of the United States towards Her Majesty's possessions in North America,—the so-called "Alabama" claims,—and any other claims of British subjects or citizens of the United States arising out of acts committed during the late Civil War in this country.

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Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

*Sir E. Thornton to Mr. Fish.*

Sir,

*Washington, January 26, 1871.*

IN compliance with an instruction which I have received from Earl Granville, I have the honour to state that Her Majesty's Government deem it of importance to the good relations which they are ever anxious should subsist and be strengthened between the United States and Great Britain, that a friendly and complete understanding should be come to between the two Governments as to the extent of the rights which belongs to the citizens of the United States and Her Majesty's subjects respectively, with reference to the fisheries on the coasts of Her Majesty's Possessions in North America, and as