

Inclosure 1 in No. 56.

The Marquis of Lorne to the Earl of Kimberley.

My Lord,

Citadel, Quebec, July 29, 1882.

WITH reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 30th June, 1881, and to my reply of the 11th March last, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of an approved Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, embodying a Report by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, recommending, for the reasons stated therein, that payment of 150*l.* be made to Sir John Rose, Bart., to settle the claim preferred by Her Majesty's Government against the Government of Canada on account of the Aspee Bay affair.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LORNE

Inclosure 2 in No. 56.

Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council for Canada, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General on the 22nd day of July, 1882.

THE Committee of Council have had under consideration a despatch dated the 30th June, 1881, setting forth a claim on the Dominion Government for payment of 150*l.* as a part of the sum paid by the Imperial Government to the Government of the United States in settlement of certain claims for alleged interruptions of their fishery rights under the Washington Treaty by inhabitants of Newfoundland, including the affair at Aspee Bay.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the said despatch was referred, reported under date the 28th February, 1882, that he saw no sufficient reasons why such payment should be made; but since that time there has been placed before him communications of a confidential nature which lead him, notwithstanding the circumstances set forth, and the reasons given in his Report of the 28th February last, to advise the payment; and he, the Minister, therefore recommends that payment of 150*l.* be made to Sir John Rose, Bart., G.C.M.G., to settle the Aspee Bay claim with the Imperial Government.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and submit the same for your Excellency's approval. At the same time, the Committee must repeat their regret that this claim was entertained without the knowledge or consent of the Canadian Government; and they desire that it should not be understood that they admit the justice of the claim. They also desire that this Minute be communicated to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Signed) JOHN McGEE,
Clerk of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

No. 57.

Mr. Ashley to Lord E. Fitzmaurice.—(Received August 10.)

Dear Fitzmaurice,

Downing Street, August 9, 1883.

I WISH you would suggest to Lord Granville the expediency of sending another reminder to Washington, asking for an answer to our proposal for an agreement as to Fishery Regulations in Newfoundland. It is true that the United States' Government has given notice to determine the fishery clauses of the Treaty, but still it has two years to run, and though we have had no fishery rows the last year, some may arise; and I am from time to time questioned in the House as to whether we have agreed with United States on any regulations.

Yours, &c.
(Signed) EVELYN ASHLEY.