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Sir J. PAUNCEFOTE to the MARQUIS OF SALISBURY. (Received February 5, 1891.)

(No. 23. Confidential.) My LORD,

Washington, January 26, 1891.

WITH reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed Convention for improving trade relations between the United States and Newfoundland, I have the honour to inclose copy of a Despatch from his Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, dated the 22nd January, 1891, forwarding a copy of a Report of the Privy Council of Canada, dated the 12th December, 1890, which, according to the terms of his Excellency's Despatch, "deals with the recent negotiations between a Delegate of the Government of Newfoundland and the Administration of the United States" in relation to the proposed Convention.

I have likewise the honour to inclose a copy of my reply, from which his Excellency will perceive that the negotiation was carried on by myself with the assistance of the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland.

I have, &c. (Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE. The Right Hon. the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON to Sir J. PAUNCEFOTE.

SIR, Government House, Ottawa, January 22, 1891. I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith a certified copy of an approved Report of the Privy Council of the Dominion which deals with the recent negotiations between a Delegate from the Government of Newfoundland and the Administration of the United States for the establishment of a Convention relating to the fisheries and commerce of Newfoundland between that Colony and the United States.

I have, &c.

(Signed) Sir J. Pauncefote, G.C.M.G., STANLEY OF PRESTON.

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Sir J. PAUNCEFOTE to LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON.

My Lord,

Washington, January 26, 1891.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch No. 8, Confidential, of the 22nd instant, containing an approved Report of the Privy Council of Canada, dated the 9th December, 1890, on the subject of the negotiation carried on by me, with the assistance of the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland, for improving the trade relations between that Colony and the United States.

Lord Stanley of Preston, G.C.M.G., JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE. (Signed) &c. &c. &c.

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No. 177.

COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

(Confidential.)

Downing Street, February 13, 1891.

SIR, WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a Despatch* from the Governor-General of Canada, stating the grounds upon which the Dominion Government object to the immediate signature of the proposed convention between Newfoundland and the United States.

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I have, &c.