

No. 31.

*Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 24.)*

(Confidential.)

Sir,

*Downing Street, October 22, 1887.*

WITH reference to previous correspondence respecting the North American Fisheries Conference, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for communication to the Marquis of Salisbury, copies of a telegram from the Governor of Newfoundland, and of the reply which has been returned to it on the subject.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 31.

*Governor Blake to Sir H. Holland.*

(Telegraphic.)

*(Received October 18, 1887.)*

NEWFOUNDLAND will pay expenses of any delegation that may be sent by the Colony, but my Government wish to have an answer to my telegram of the 10th October, asking for information as to the powers of the Commission before considering the question of the delegation. My Government claim the right of this Colony to be fully represented.

Inclosure 2 in No. 31.

*Sir H. Holland to Governor Blake.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Downing Street, October 21, 1887.*

REFERRING to your telegrams 10th and 18th October, no new Treaty respecting fisheries will be concluded without previous communication with Colonial Governments as far as may affect each Colony. No separate Commissioner Newfoundland, but interests will be fully protected. Chamberlain leaves 29th October.

No. 32.

*The Marquis of Salisbury to Sir L. West.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Foreign Office, October 24, 1887, 4.40 P.M.*

FISHERIES Conference.

Address note to Mr. Bayard, recapitulating terms of reference as now arranged, with omission of words mentioned in your telegram of 20th instant, and stating that Her Majesty's Government accept them in this form. Ask for acknowledgment.

No. 33.

*The Marquis of Salisbury to Sir L. West.*

(No. 74. Treaty. Ext.)

Sir,

*Foreign Office, October 24, 1887.*

I HAVE received your telegram of the 20th instant, acquainting me that Mr. Bayard has no objection to the omission of the words "in the course of the negotiations and" from the terms of reference to the North American Fisheries Conference. In reply, I have to request that you will address a note to Mr. Bayard, recapitulating the terms of reference as now arranged, with the omission of these words, as follows:—

"Conference of Plenipotentiaries to consider and adjust all or any questions relating to rights of fishery in the seas adjacent to British North America and Newfoundland which are in dispute between the Governments of Her Britannic