

The British naval officers have instructions to do all in their power for the protection of French rights as recognized by Her Majesty's Government. They will abstain, as they have always done in the past, from interference with the French fishery, and Her Majesty's Government feel that there is nothing unreasonable in expecting that, under these circumstances, French officers will abstain from attempts to exercise authority over British subjects within British territorial jurisdiction, and, according to general international usage, will appeal to British officers in cases where the Treaty obligations of Great Britain are involved.

I have, &c.
(Signed) SALISBURY.

No. 212.

Lord Knutsford to Lord Stanley of Preston.

My Lord,

Downing Street, June 2, 1890.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 28th April, inclosing copy of an approved Report of a Committee of the Privy Council expressing the wish of your Government to present a remonstrance to Her Majesty's Government on the restrictions which will be placed on British ships owned or sailed by Her Majesty's subjects in Canada under the Newfoundland Bait Act.

In reply, I cannot do more than refer you to my telegram of the 8th May* in answer to yours of the 28th April, in which you communicated to me the substance of the Report of your Privy Council now under acknowledgment.

I have, &c.
(Signed) KNUTSFORD.

No. 213.

Lord Stanley of Preston to Lord Knutsford.—(Received at the Foreign Office, June 16.)

My Lord,

Citadel, Quebec, May 31, 1890.

WITH reference to my telegraphic message of the 28th ultimo and to your Lordship's telegram of the 8th instant, respecting the Newfoundland Bait Act, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council, submitting a Report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on the subject.

Your Lordship will observe that a copy of this Minute will be forwarded to the High Commissioner for Canada with a view to his presenting in person the Canadian side of the case.

I have, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 213.

Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General in Council, May 29, 1890.

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch dated the 15th April, 1890, from the Governor of Newfoundland, on the subject of the enforcement of the Newfoundland Bait Act against Canadian fishermen, and a telegram of the 8th May, 1890, from Lord Knutsford in connection therewith.

The Committee concurring in the annexed Report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the matter was referred, advise that your Excellency be moved to forward a copy hereof to the Governor of Newfoundland, and to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Committee further advise that a copy hereof be also forwarded to the High

* Inclosure 15 in No. 207.