

Mr. Blaine having now informed Sir E. Thornton that he acknowledges the correctness of the conditions under which it had been agreed between the two Governments that this payment would be made, Sir E. Thornton has applied by telegraph for authority to draw for 15,000*l.* on Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, and he inquires at the same time at how many days' sight this should be done, if sanction is given to his drawing such a bill.

I have to request, therefore, that your Lordships will enable me to answer Sir E. Thornton's inquiry at your earliest convenience.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies has caused Sir William Whiteway, the Premier of Newfoundland, who is now in this country, to be informed that a communication will, in due course, be made to the Government of Newfoundland with regard to the repayment of this sum by the Colony.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) TENTERDEN.

## No. 132.

*Mr. Cole to Lord Tenterden.—(Received June 1.)*

My Lord,

*Treasury Chambers, June 1, 1881.*

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had before them your letter of the 30th May stating that the sum of 15,000*l.* has been accepted by the Government of the United States as a complete settlement of all the claims of the American fishermen in respect of hindrances in their fishing operations in the waters of Newfoundland and its dependencies.

Their Lordships have directed me to state, in reply to the request contained in your Lordship's letter, that Her Majesty's Minister should be instructed to draw a bill for this sum on Her Majesty's Paymaster-General at ten or thirty days' sight, as may appear to him most desirable.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. H. COLE.

## No. 133.

*Sir E. Thornton to Earl Granville.*

(Substance received by telegraph, June 2.)

My Lord,

*Washington, June 2, 1881.*

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that I have this day drawn upon Her Majesty's Paymaster-General for the sum of 15,000*l.* to Mr. Blaine's order at thirty days after sight.

I have transmitted the bill to Mr. Blaine in the note of which a copy is inclosed.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

## Inclosure in No. 133.

*Sir E. Thornton to Mr. Blaine.*

Sir,

*Washington, June 2, 1881.*

WITH reference to your note of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a bill of exchange in triplicate drawn by me on Her Majesty's Paymaster-General at thirty days after sight for the sum of 15,000*l.*, in full payment of the claims mentioned in the note above referred to and on the conditions therein expressed.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.