

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that whenever the island of Newfoundland shall give its consent to the application of the stipulations and provisions of the said Treaty to that province, and the Legislature thereof, and the Imperial Parliament shall pass the necessary laws for that purpose, the above enumerated articles shall be admitted free of duty from that province into the United States, from and after the date of a Proclamation by the President of the United States, declaring that he has satisfactory evidence that the said province has consented in a due and proper manner to have the provisions of the Treaty extended to it, and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained.

Approved August 5, 1854.

No. 41.

*The Earl of Elgin to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 28.)*

My Lord,

*Government House, Quebec, August 12, 1854.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith, for your information, the copy of a communication which I have received from the Secretary of State for the United States, with the copy of my reply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Inclosure 1 in No. 41.

*Mr. Marcy to the Earl of Elgin.*

My Lord,

*Department of State, Washington, August 5, 1854.*

I HAVE the satisfaction to inform you that the Treaty signed here on the 5th June, between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the fisheries and the reciprocity of trade between Her Britannic Majesty's North American Colonies and the United States, has been approved by the Senate, and Congress yesterday passed a law to carry it into effect. I herewith send you a copy of that Act.

It is very much desired on the part of the United States, and I presume it is equally so on the part of Great Britain and the provinces, that the Treaty should go into operation at the earliest practicable period.

Should there be any considerable delay, I apprehend that it will be on account of the time required to consummate the necessary proceedings on the part of the Provincial Legislatures. As I shall probably be often applied to for information as to the time when the instrument will go into operation, I should be pleased to be favoured with your Lordship's opinion on that subject.

There was considerable opposition to the Treaty in the Senate, and in some quarters of the country. The Administration has, however, succeeded beyond its expectation in obtaining, at this early period, the Act of Congress required on the part of the United States to give effect to the instrument.

I am, &c.

(Signed) W. L. MARCY.

Inclosure 2 in No. 41.

*An Act to carry into effect a Treaty between the United States and Great Britain.*

*Signed on the 5th day of June, 1854.*

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the President of the United States shall receive satisfactory evidence that the Imperial Government of Great Britain and the Provincial Parliaments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island have passed Laws on their part to give full effect to the provisions of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the 5th of June last, he is hereby authorized to issue his Proclamation declaring that he has such evidence, and therefore, from the date of such Proclamation, the following articles being the growth and produce