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(No. 27.)

The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Lieut.-Governor ROBINSON.

Downing Street, August 8, 1871.

SIR,

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 55,* of 12th ult., acknowledging mine of the 17th June,† in which I forwarded to you a copy of the Treaty of Washington.

I have learnt, with much satisfaction, that your Government are likely to accede so promptly and readily to the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, that the United States' fishermen should be admitted provisionally to the inshore fisheries of Prince Edward Island during the present season.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Lieut.-Governor Robinson,
&c. &c. &c.

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The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Lieut.-Governor ROBINSON.

(No. 32.)

SIR,

Downing Street, September 3, 1871.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 59,‡ of the 25th of July, communicating to me the consent of your Government to the provisional admission of United States' fishermen during the present season to the privileges granted by the Treaty of Washington so far as concerns the Colony under your government. Her Majesty's Government have learnt with much satisfaction that the Prince Edward Island Government have so willingly acceded to their wishes in this respect. With regard to the observations contained in the Minute of Council which you have forwarded, to the effect that the Prince Edward Island Government would readily accept any reasonable money compensation in addition to the privileges granted as an equivalent, but that under the Treaty nothing of the kind is guaranteed, I do not understand why the Prince Edward Island Government should object to the reference of the question of the money compensation to arbitration, which seems to be the fairest way of determining such a point, more especially as the fact stated in the Minute, that the rights of fishing conceded by the United States are comparatively worthless, is, it must be presumed, capable of distinct proof. I will communicate with Lord Granville as to the wish of your Government, in the event of the Act necessary to give effect to the Treaty being passed, to appoint a representative to give information to the Commission which is to meet at Halifax.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Lieut.-Governor Robinson,
&c. &c. &c.

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The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Lieut.-Governor ROBINSON.

(No. 34.)

SIR,

Downing Street, September 5, 1871.

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 32,§ of the 3rd inst., in answer to yours of the 25th July,|| relating to the Treaty of Washington and to the fisheries, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information and guidance, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office on the subject of your Despatch, and relating also to questions raised in a Despatch received from the Governor of Newfoundland.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Lieut.-Governor Robinson,
&c. &c. &c.

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