

one from the United States Minister at this Court relating to the question of the possibility of separate arrangements being made with Newfoundland on the subject of the Fisheries.

I am also to enclose a copy of a despatch* which Sir Henry Holland proposes, with his Lordship's concurrence, to address to the Officer Administering the Government of Newfoundland upon this subject.

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

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

17,411.

No. 211.

Governor-General the Most Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Sir H. T. Holland, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.P.

Confidential.

CASCAPEDIA, NEW RICHMOND,
21st July, 1887.

SIR,

I had the honour to send to you to-day a telegraphic message in cypher, the substance of which is as follows :—

“Intelligence has reached us from Newfoundland that the Government of that Island has been allowed to begin to negotiate directly for a reciprocity treaty which would involve the Fisheries with the United States. The position of Canada might be seriously compromised by any negotiations of this character. I hope therefore that until this Government has been communicated with you will not permit matters to go further. Sir Charles Tupper, who sailed for England on the 13th instant, will be able to explain matters fully to you.”

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

The Right Honourable Sir Henry Holland,
&c., &c., &c.

14,515.

No. 212.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Confidential.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
July 22nd, 1887.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant,† I am directed to acquaint you that his Lordship concurs in the despatch which Sir Henry Holland proposes to address to the Officer Administering the Government of Newfoundland on the subject of a proposed separate arrangement between the United States and Newfoundland on the Fisheries Question.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES FERGUSSON.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

50. Secret.

No. 213.

The Right Hon. Sir H. T. Holland, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.P., to Governor-General the Most Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G. (Canada), and the Officer Administering the Government of Newfoundland.

TELEGRAPHIC.

26th July, 1887. [Yours 21st]. Following telegram sent this day to Officer Administering the Government of Newfoundland :—§

A letter from United States' Minister to Sir Ambrose Shea, touching possibility of

* No. 213.

† No. 210.

‡ See No. 211

§ To Canada only.