

I have been informed by the Governor-General of Canada, by telegraph, that the Canadian Government do not propose to exclude American fishermen from the waters of Canada in the meantime.

I request that you will inform me as soon as possible whether your Government will be prepared, as I conclude they will, to take the same course.

Governor Hill, C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

No. 13.

Captain HALL, C.B., to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,

Admiralty, 10th March, 1873.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing a copy of a notification from the Foreign Office that the American Congress has fixed the 1st of July for the Canadian Fisheries Bill coming into force, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform them whether any change is contemplated, in consequence of the action of the American Congress, in the instructions to the captains and commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships to be employed in the protection of the fisheries on the coast of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, &c., as, if such is the case, their Lordships would be glad to be furnished with the particulars before the end of the present month.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

P.S.—A similar enquiry has been addressed to the Foreign Office.

No. 14.

Mr. HOLLAND to the ADMIRALTY.

SIR,

Downing Street, 19th March, 1873.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant* enquiring whether any change is contemplated, in consequence of the action of the American Congress, in the instructions to the captains and commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships to be employed in the protection of the North American fisheries.

Lord Kimberley desires me to inform you, that on the receipt of your letter an enquiry was addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, and to the Governor of Newfoundland, as to whether the fisheries of those islands would be opened to Americans during the coming season.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island has replied to the effect that his Government are prepared to act in accord with Canada in this matter, and the Governor of Newfoundland has informed his Lordship that the fisheries of Newfoundland are now open provisionally to Americans, and that it is probable that the Legislature of that island will soon pass the Act necessary to give effect to the Washington Treaty.

Their Lordships are aware that the Canadian Government, in anticipation of the Fishery Clauses of the Treaty coming into effect from the 1st July next, have determined not to exclude Americans from the fisheries of Canada in the interval, and in these circumstances Lord Kimberley is of opinion that the formal instructions to Her Majesty's naval officers on the North American station as regards the fisheries should be suspended.

It will be necessary, however, that Her Majesty's naval officers should be directed to give such protection as may be required to the Canadian revenue vessels in preserving order amongst the fishermen who may resort to the colonial fisheries.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.