

NEWFOUND-
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"territorial waters of those Colonies, whilst the return of the import duties on fish from the 1st July next promised by the United States is prospective and contingent on the action of Congress." The words "on fish oil"—following the words "that any duties which may have been collected on and after the first day of July next"—in Mr. Fish's note to Sir E. Thornton are in the reply thereto (from which the above extract is taken) omitted. The Executive Council beg to be advised on this head.

July 7, 1871.

6. I beg to transmit to your Lordship copy of a Minute of Council, signifying assent on the part of the Government of Newfoundland to the request contained in your Lordship's Despatch, No 28, of 17th June, respecting the Treaty of Washington.

The Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STEPHEN J. HILL.

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COPY OF MINUTE OF COUNCIL.

Council Room, July 7, 1871.

In compliance with the request made by Earl Kimberley in his Despatch of 17th June to his Excellency the Governor, it is agreed to accede thereto.

True Copy:

STEPHEN J. HILL.

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 1.

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The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Governor HILL, C.B.

(No. 28.)

SIR,

Downing Street, June 17, 1871.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, herewith, copies of the Treaty signed at Washington on May 8, by the Joint High Commissioners, which has been ratified by Her Majesty and by the President of the United States;—of the instructions to Her Majesty's High Commissioners, and Protocols of the Conferences held by the Commission;—of two notes which have passed between Sir E. Thornton and Mr. Fish;*—and of a Despatch of even date herewith,† which I have addressed to the Governor-General of Canada, stating the views of Her Majesty's Government on these important documents.

With reference to that part of my Despatch to Lord Lisgar which bears upon the proposed arrangement for the immediate provisional admission of the United States' fishermen to the colonial fisheries, I have to observe, that Her Majesty's Government are aware that under this Treaty, as under the Convention of 1854, Newfoundland is placed in a somewhat different position to that of the other Colonies interested; but they would strongly urge upon the Government of Newfoundland that it is most desirable for the general interests of the Empire that the same course should be pursued as in 1854, and that the application made by the United States' Government should be acceded to by Newfoundland, so that American fishermen may be at once allowed, during the present season, the provisional use of the privileges granted to them by the Treaty.

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

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

No. 2.

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The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Governor HILL, C.B.

(No. 38.)

SIR,

Downing Street, September 3, 1871.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 55,‡ of the 14th 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.

* Vide Command Papers [C. 262], [C. 344], and [C. 346] of 1871.

† Vide Command Paper [C. 539], page 4.

‡ Page 3.