

Inclosure in No. 54.

Mr. Courtney, M.P., to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Treasury Chambers, July 1, 1882.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had before them Mr. Bramston's letter of the 23rd ultimo, transmitting the copy of a despatch from the Officer administering the Government of Newfoundland, inclosing a printed Report of a speech by Mr. Harvey in the Legislative Council on the subject of the settlement of the claims preferred by American fishermen on account of occurrences at Fortune Bay and other places.

I am to return to you the printed inclosure to Sir F. Carter's despatch; and I am to state, for the information of Earl Kimberley, that my Lords would suggest that advantage should be taken of the approaching visit of Sir William Whitway to press on his attention the considerations urged in the letters from this Department of the 24th January and 20th May, and especially the necessity under which my Lords will be constrained to ask the House of Commons to vote the sum that has been paid for the Newfoundland Government in the absence of a certain and speedy prospect of repayment by the Colony.

I have, &c.

(Signed) LEONARD COURTNEY.

No. 55.

Mr. West to Earl Granville.—(Received August 15.)

(No. 309.)

My Lord,

Washington, August 3, 1882.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 212 of the 15th instant expressing the views of Her Majesty's Government on the Memorandum drawn up by the State Department of the United States Government upon certain Acts of the Legislature of Newfoundland for the regulation of the fisheries in the waters of that Colony, and to inform your Lordship that I have this day communicated it to the Secretary of State according to the instructions therein contained, and at his request left a copy of it in his hands.

I drew Mr. Frelinghuysen's attention to the expression of the hope on the part of Her Majesty's Government that the Government of the United States will agree to let the disputed question of Treaty rights remain in abeyance, and that they will unite with Her Majesty's Government in carrying out the revision of the fishery regulations in the spirit, and with the object indicated by Mr. Evarts; and I urged upon him the expediency of attending to this matter during the recess.

I have, &c.

(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

No. 56.

Mr. Bramston to Sir J. Pouncefote.—(Received August 24.)

Sir,

Downing Street, August 23, 1882.

WITH reference to previous correspondence respecting the Aspee Bay claims, I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Granville, a copy of a further despatch, with its inclosure, from the Governor-General of Canada, on the subject of the payment to Her Majesty's Government of the sum of 150l. on this account.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.