

Bay, in Newfoundland, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a telegram addressed to the Governor of Newfoundland on the 7th instant, together with a copy of a telegram in reply, dated the 8th, and of a despatch on the same subject, received on the 11th of this month.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 8.

*Paraphrase of Telegram from Sir M. E. Hicks Beach to the Governor of Newfoundland.*

March 7, 1879.

AS regards your despatch of the 9th December, marked Confidential, if Ministers think proposed instructions to Magistrate at Fortune Bay necessary, they may proceed; but suspend for the present that relating to enforcement of law against Sunday fishing.

Omit last fifteen words of preface of notice, if published, and add words "fishing season" instead.

Inclosure 2 in No. 8.

*Paraphrase of a Telegram from the Governor of Newfoundland.*

March 8, 1879.

I HAVE received your telegram of the 7th instant. Fishery season over in Fortune Bay. No breach of fishery law; everything quiet. No notice published. Full Report sent by last mail, 26th February. Eight American vessels fished 2,964 barrels of herring.

Inclosure 3 in No. 8.

*Sir J. Glover to Sir M. E. Hicks Beach.*

Sir,

Government House, February 25, 1879.

I HAVE the honour to report that during the month of January about sixty vessels were assembled at Long Harbour, Fortune Bay, for the purpose of catching and of purchasing herrings, and of these sixty vessels ten were Americans, which have taken away with them 3,000 barrels of fish.

When the police left nearly all the other vessels had gone, and those remaining were preparing to start.

2. Up to the 28th January, the date of the Report, there had been no breach of the peace, infringement of the fishery laws, nor a single case of drunkenness among the whole number of men, which could not have been much under 600. I think this satisfactory result may be in great part attributed to the presence of the police preventing the sale of spirits by itinerant rum-sellers.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN H. GLOVER.

No. 9.

*The Marquis of Salisbury to Sir E. Thornton.*

(No. 35.)

Sir,

Foreign Office, March 22, 1879.

I TRANSMIT to you herewith, for your information, copy of a despatch, together with its inclosures, from the Colonial Office, on the subject of the Fortune Bay affair.\*

I am, &c.  
(Signed) SALISBURY.