

1875, with the general nature of the duties intrusted to you, and, relying on the ability which you have always displayed in the discharge of your diplomatic duties, and on the knowledge which you have already acquired of the Fisheries question, I have only now to add the following special instructions with regard to your proceedings in connection with the Commission.

You will be duly informed as to the precise date on which the Commission is to meet, and you will then proceed to Canada in time to make, in consultation with the Dominion Government, all the preliminary arrangements which you may think necessary.

The Commissioners will meet at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and you will proceed thither and present to them the "Case" of Her Majesty's Government, which is already in your possession; and it will be your duty to watch the proceedings generally, and to require that the Commissioners shall receive such oral or written testimony as Her Majesty's Government may think necessary to present, under the terms of Article XXIV of the Treaty.

The proceedings will be conducted in such order as the Commissioners shall determine; but should any difficulty occur in the course of the business of the Commission, you should endeavour to consult the wishes of Her Majesty's Commissioner, and, if necessary, apply to Her Majesty's Government for instructions.

You will also correspond with this Office on all matters on which you may require to report, and upon which you think it necessary to ask for special instructions. Counsel have been retained by the Government of the Dominion of Canada and of Newfoundland, who will argue the Cases presented on behalf of Her Majesty's Government; and you will to the best of your ability supply them with any information which you may think likely to be useful, and assist them in the preparation of the "Counter Case" and any other papers which it may be found necessary to prepare.

You will be accompanied by Mr. J. H. G. Bergne of this Office, who will assist you generally in any business connected with the Commission in which you may think proper to employ his services.

You will keep an account of your own and Mr. Bergne's expenditure whilst employed on this service.

I am, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

No. 16.

Sir A. Galt to the Earl of Derby.—(Received June 5.)

My Lord,

Ottawa, May 21, 1877.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of instructions dated 2nd instant.

I have written M. Delfosse and Mr. Kellogg, informing them that I was instructed to place myself in communication with them for the purpose of fixing the date for the first meeting of the Fisheries Commission at Halifax, and proposing that such date should be the 15th day of June. As this date has already been informally agreed to, I presume it may be assumed as settled; but I shall duly inform your Lordship of their replies.

My careful attention shall be given to the special instructions with which I have been honoured; and my best efforts will be directed to bring the labours of the Commission to a conclusion satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed) A. T. GALT.