

objection that it stipulates for a continued preference in the markets of Newfoundland for United States products over those of every other country, involving therefore not only discrimination by the United States in favour of Newfoundland, but by Newfoundland in favour of the United States, and such discrimination would be against Canada and the mother country as well.

The Committee concur in the said Report of the Sub-Committee, and request that your Excellency be pleased to transmit this Minute, if approved, to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE, Clerk,
Privy Council.

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SIR TERENCE O'BRIEN to LORD KNUTSFORD.
(Received February 13, 1891, 5.15 p.m.)

TELEGRAPHIC.

(Paraphrase.)

13th February. The House of Assembly, which was opened yesterday, passed resolutions condemning the action of the Imperial Government with regard to the convention with the United States, couched in very strong and objectionable language, and have asked me to furnish them with all the correspondence on this subject and on the question of the French treaties.

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No. 176.

COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,

Downing Street, February 13, 1891.

WITH reference to the letter from this Department of the 24th January last,* inclosing paraphrase of a telegram addressed to the Governor of Newfoundland respecting the proposed Imperial guarantee of a loan for railway construction in the Colony, I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, paraphrases of a telegraphic correspondence† which has recently passed with the Governor of Newfoundland relating to the application of the Colonial Government for the guarantee of a loan for 150,000*l.* in consequence of apprehended financial difficulties in the Colony.

The telegrams sent to the Governor on the 9th instant‡ were previously approved informally by Lord Salisbury.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

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No. 176 A.

FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Confidential.)

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 13, 1891.

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, copies of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, on the subject of the negotiations for a Convention between the United States and Newfoundland.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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

* No. 139.

† Nos. 155, 160, 161, 164, and 165.

‡ Nos. 164 and 165.