

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. 6.

*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.

## No. 7.

*Mr. Welsh to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received August 13.)*

My Lord,

*Legation of the United States, London, August 13, 1879.*

I HAVE just received a very important despatch from Mr. Evarts stating the claims for damages, amounting to 105,305 $\frac{1}{2}$  dollars, sustained by certain citizens of the United States, owners of twenty-two vessels in Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, in the month of January 1878, which claims have already formed the subject of a previous correspondence with your Lordship.

As the argument for the payment of these claims by Her Majesty's Government is presented by Mr. Evarts in a very full, clear, and forcible manner, I have thought it proper to submit his instruction to me in its original form to your Lordship, asking for it an early and favourable consideration.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN WELSH.

## Inclosure in No. 7.

*Mr. Evarts to Mr. Welsh.*

Sir,

*Department of State, Washington, August 1, 1879.*

YOU will readily understand that the pressure of current business, especially during the regular and special sessions of Congress, has prevented so immediate attention to the claims of the Fortune Bay fishermen, as definitely laid before me in their proofs completed during the session, as would enable me to give in reply a full consideration to the despatch of Lord Salisbury of the date of the 7th November, 1878, in reply to mine to you of the 28th September, 1878.

But other and stronger reasons have also induced me to postpone until now any discussion of the questions arising out of the occurrences to which those despatches referred.

It so happened that the transactions of which certain citizens of the United States complain were brought fully to the attention of the Government about the same time at which it became my duty to lay before Her Britannic Majesty's Government the views of the United States' Government as to the award then recently made by the Commission on the Fisheries which had just closed its sittings at Halifax. While the character of the complaint and the interests of the citizens of the United States rendered it necessary that the subject should be submitted to the consideration of Her Britannic Majesty's Government at the earliest possible moment, in order to the prevention of any further and graver misunderstanding, and the avoidance of any