

your duties in connexion with the Halifax Fisheries Commission, and I am to inform you in reply that his Lordship sanctions your adopting this course.

I am, &c.
(Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 13.

Mr. Ford to the Earl of Derby.—(Received April 17.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, April 16, 1877.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 7th instant I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have received a telegram from the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, stating that the Halifax Commission will meet on the 15th June.

I have, &c.
(Signed) FRANCIS CLARE FORD.

No. 14.

The Earl of Derby to Sir A. Galt.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 2, 1877.

I HAVE to inform you that Commissioners have been appointed to act, conjointly with yourself, under Articles XVIII to XXV and XXXII to XXXIII, inclusive, of the Treaty of Washington of the 8th of May, 1871, as follows:—

Honourable Ensign H. Kellogg, by the President of the United States; and
M. Delfosse, the Belgian Minister at Washington, by the Austrian Ambassador
in London;

To determine, having regard to the privileges accorded by the United States to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, as stated in Articles XIX and XXI of the Treaty, the amount of any compensation which in their opinion ought to be paid by the Government of the United States to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, in return for the privileges accorded to the citizens of the United States under Article XVIII of the Treaty.

The Honourable Dwight Foster has been appointed Agent to the Commission on the part of the United States.

Mr. F. C. Ford has been appointed in the same capacity on the part of Her Majesty's Government, and he will be assisted generally in the business of the Commission by Mr. J. H. G. Bergne, of this Office.

You will see from the instructions I have given to Mr. Ford, and of which a copy is inclosed, that he has been directed to proceed to Canada in time to make, in conjunction with the Dominion Government, all the necessary arrangements in connection with the Commission; and I do not doubt that he will place himself in communication with you in order to arrange any matters of detail. He is to attend the meetings of the Commissioners, as required by the Treaty, and he will present to the Commissioners the "Cases" on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

In case of any difficulty occurring in conducting the business of the Commission, Mr. Ford will consult with you, and, if necessary, apply to Her Majesty's Government for instructions.

I have been informed that Counsel have been appointed by the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of Newfoundland to argue the Cases laid before the Commissioners.

I have every confidence that they will discharge their duties with the greatest efficiency; but Her Majesty's Government cannot be held internationally responsible for any arguments they may use in support of the claim of Great Britain.