

No. 27.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Sir,

Foreign Office, October 21, 1887.

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you a copy of a telegram received this day from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington reporting that Mr. Bayard has no objection to omitting from the terms of reference to the Fisheries Conference the words "in the course of the negotiations.*"

I am to state that, with Sir Henry Holland's concurrence, his Lordship now proposes to instruct Sir L. West to address a note to Mr. Bayard recapitulating the terms of reference as now arranged, with the omission of the words in question, and to state that Her Majesty's Government accept them as so amended.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

No. 28.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 22.)

Sir,

Downing Street, October 21, 1887.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir H. Holland to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant covering the draft of the proposed instructions to Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries at the Fisheries Conference, and to express his concurrence in the draft subject to the following remark on the last paragraph.

It seems to Sir H. Holland preferable not to use the word "requested" in reference to the self-governing Colony of Newfoundland, and he would suggest omitting the words "have been requested to," so that it will run: "If the Government of Newfoundland depute an Agent," &c.

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

No. 29.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.**Foreign Office, October 22, 1887.*

[Transmits copy of Sir L. West's No. 103, Treaty, of October 3, 1887: *ante*, No. 22.]

No. 30.

Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received October 24.)

(No. 107. Treaty. Confidential.)

My Lord,

Washington, October 13, 1887.

AT an interview which I had this day with the Secretary of State I alluded to the appointment of Mr. Putman and Mr. Angell as his Assistants in the forthcoming negotiations on the Fisheries question, and I asked him whether, as stated in the newspapers, he had made such appointments.

Mr. Bayard said that he had appointed these gentlemen, but that, as the Canadian Government had not moved in the matter, and that, as I had made no official communication to him of Mr. Chamberlain's appointment, he had deemed it better to wait until the official notification of the several appointments could be made simultaneously.

I have, &c.
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.