

Draft of Despatch from Earl Granville to Mr. Drummond.

(No. .)
Sir,

Foreign Office, August , 1881.

I HAVE to acquaint you that Sir E. Thornton's despatch No. 142 of this year, inclosing a copy of Mr. Blaine's letter of the 6th May, was communicated to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Blaine states at the end of that letter that he is prepared to discuss the subject of joint cruisers on the fishery-grounds in Newfoundland waters, and the Code of Instructions under which they should sail.

In reply to this announcement of Mr. Blaine, I have now to request that you will call the attention of the United States' Government to the following Acts, viz.: cap. 102, Consolidated Statutes, Newfoundland; 38 Vict., cap. 7; 39 Vict., cap. 6; 40 Vict., cap. 13; 42 Vict., cap. 2. These documents were appended to the Message from President Hayes to the House of Representatives No. 84 of the 17th May, 1880, pp. 131-138, which accompanied Sir E. Thornton's despatch No. 173 of last year.

You are aware that part of these Statutes relate to fisheries a right to participate in which has not been conceded to the United States.

You should invite the United States' Government to examine them, and to state whether they find in them anything open to objection, or have any suggestions to make with regard to them. Any communication which the United States' Government may make upon this subject will receive careful consideration on the part of that of Her Majesty; and when an agreement has been arrived at as to the Code which should govern the fisheries, the Legislature of Newfoundland will be invited to make the necessary changes in the law, if any such should be found to be necessary.

As the fishing operations on the coasts of Newfoundland for the present season must be already far advanced, Her Majesty's Government do not consider that the question of joint cruisers need be brought forward for the present.

I am, &c.

No. 6.

Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1881.

EARL GRANVILLE has had under his consideration your letter of the 30th June, with its inclosure from Sir William Whiteway.

With reference to the suggestion made in the fourth paragraph of that letter, that it is desirable that all the existing laws of Newfoundland bearing on the use of the fisheries to which United States' fishermen are entitled by Treaty, should be communicated to the Government of the United States, I am to request that you will state to the Earl of Kimberley that Lord Granville entirely concurs in that view; and upon being furnished with copies in triplicate of these laws, they should be forwarded to Her Majesty's Representative at Washington.

Meanwhile, I am to transmit to you a copy of an instruction which it is proposed, with Lord Kimberley's concurrence, shall be addressed to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington.*

With regard to the question of joint cruisers referred to in the fifth paragraph of your letter, I am to remind you that the proposal originated with Her Majesty's Government, as will be seen from Lord Granville's despatch to Sir E. Thornton No. 35 of the 24th February last, of which a copy was transmitted to you with the letter from this Department of the following day.

Lord Granville presumes, however, that for the present the question of joint cruisers need not be brought forward.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.