

jects, and also to the prejudice of His Majesty's Government, by lessening the Revenue, and destroying that highly prized and valuable nursery for hardy seamen : on these ruins the Americans would build a magnificent, commercial and political edifice. We humbly submit the above to your consideration, and have the honour to be with the most profound respect, &c. &c.

(Signed)

C. ROBIN & Co.

Paspebiac, 4th September 1822.

The Committee then caused to be read an extract of a convention, concluded between His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, dated London, the 20th October 1818.

ARTICLE I—Whereas differences have arisen respecting the liberty claimed by the United States, for the Inhabitants thereof, to take, dry and cure fish, on certain Coasts, Bays, Harbours and Creeks, of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions, in America, it is agreed between the high contracting parties, that the Inhabitants of the said United States, shall have, in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind, on that part of the Southern Coast of Newfoundland, which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands, on the Western and Northern Coast of Newfoundland, from the said Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands, on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, and also on the Coasts, Bays, Harbours or Creeks, from Mount Joly, on the Southern Coast of Labrador, to and through the Straits of Belisle, and thence Northwesterly, indefinitely along the Coast, without prejudice, however, to any of the exclusive rights of the Hudson's Bay Company : And that the American Fishermen shall also, have liberty, for ever, to dry and cure fish in any of the unsettled Bays, harbours or creeks, of the Southern part of the Coast of Newfoundland, here-above described, and on the Coast of Labrador ; but so soon as the same, or any portion thereof shall be settled, it shall not be lawful for the said fishermen to dry or cure fish at such portion settled, without previous agreement for such purpose with the Inhabitants, proprietors or possessors of the ground. And the United States hereby renounce for ever, any liberty heretofore enjoyed or claimed by the Inhabitants thereof, to take, dry or cure fish, on or within three Marine Miles of any of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbours of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions, in America, not included in the above-mentioned limits. Provided however, that the American fishermen shall be admitted to enter such Bays or Harbours, for the purpose of shelter and of repairing damages therein, of purchasing wood and of obtaining water, and for no other purposes whatever. But they shall be under such restrictions as may be necessary to prevent their taking, drying or curing fish therein, or in any other manner whatever abusing the privileges hereby reserved to them.

*The Chairman laid before the Committee the following Return from the Custom-House, transmitted to the House, on the 10th Instant, by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.*

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