

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and also, the Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until Seven of the Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to joint a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province; that the joint Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Address of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly,

May it please Your Excellency :

THAT His Majesty's Subjects, the People of this Province, anxiously hope that His Majesty's Government will take effectual steps to prevent Foreign Fishing Vessels from resorting, under any pretence, to the harbours, rivers, creeks, and bays, on the sea coast of Nova-Scotia, and such parts of the shores of the Bay of Fundy, as are within His Majesty's Dominions, and of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, and the Magdalen Islands, the Labrador Shore, and the Straits of Bellisle; and also, to prohibit them from taking Fish of any kind within the said harbours, bays, rivers and creeks, or upon the Banks and Shores, contiguous thereto.

Whatever right Foreigners may have to take Fish in the open waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the People of this Province conceive they cannot have a right to enter the said Gulf, through the narrow Strait or Passage which separates Nova-Scotia from Cape Breton, it being unquestionably a part of the Territory of the Crown, into which Foreigners can have no right to enter, as it is an Arm of the Sea, extending in length between both shores about twenty-one miles, and in width not more than one mile in the widest part, and about half a mile in the narrowest part; and Foreigners, if excluded from this inlet, can have no right to complain, as they have free access into the said Gulf through the open sea that lies between Cape-Breton and Newfoundland; and the People of this Province consider the Straits of Bellisle, in like manner, the exclusive property of the Crown.

That His Majesty's Subjects, the People of this Province, are of opinion that Foreigners have no more right to pass into the Gulf of St. Lawrence or into the Bay of Fundy,

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