

lation, amounting to nearly one hundred thousand people, has sprung up, carrying on the various important and extensive fisheries on these shores. A population so extensive and rapidly increasing, we humbly conceive, requires the protection of a civil government, and a more enlightened dispensation of its Laws.

The exercise of the Sovereign power in this Island, rests solely in the Governor, unrestrained by a responsible Council, and unaided and uninfluenced by the collective wisdom of a Legislative Assembly. We are without all those civil institutions which adorn, which enlighten, and which civilize other countries: without the germ of improvement, it is in vain to seek for any amelioration of our condition.

Under such hopeless circumstances, we are induced to supplicate the wisdom and protective benevolence of your Honourable House, and to implore that it will be pleased to take all the circumstances of our situation into consideration, and be graciously pleased to endow Newfoundland in all the rights and privileges enjoyed by his Majesty's other transatlantic possessions.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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