

this single Point consists the Validity and good Effect of the whole Regulation.

2d. That the Convoy help and assist those in their Transportation who desire to return Home; and to declare that if they choose to betake themselves to any other of His Majesty's Plantations, that the Governors are wrote unto to receive them with all Favour, &c.

On the 5th of May following His Majesty in Council thought fit, for the several Considerations in the said Report mentioned, to order the Commander of his Convoy bound to Newfoundland to admonish the Inhabitants, either to return Home to England, or to betake themselves to others of His Plantations, and to direct that Letters be prepared unto the several Governors of the said Plantations, that in case any of the said Inhabitants of Newfoundland should arrive within their respective Governments, that they be received with Favour, and that all convenient Help and Assistance towards their Settlement be afforded unto them.

And on the 27th of January 1675, His said Majesty, after due Consideration had of the best Ways and Means of regulating, securing, and improving the Fishing Trade in Newfoundland, passed the new Charter which recited and confirmed all the old Laws, and several others were added for the better Government of the Fishery; which if they had been as steadily supported and executed, as they were carefully concerted, in all Probability the Subjects of France and the People of New England had reaped very little Benefit by their Fisheries, and this valuable Branch of the British Trade had been firmly re-established and secured.

The additional Regulations to the Charter are as follows:

1st. That His Majesty's Subjects may take Bait and Fish in Newfoundland, and cut Wood for Stages, &c. provided they submit unto and observe the Rules and Orders that are or shall be established.

2d. That no Alien take Bait or Fish between Cape Race and Cape Bonavista.

3d. That no Planter cut down any Wood, or inhabit within Six Miles of the Shore.

4th. That no Planter shall take up any of the Stages, &c. before Arrival of the Fishermen; and that they be all provided for.

5th. That no Master of a Fishing Ship transport any Seaman or others to Newfoundland, unless they belong to his Ship's Company.

6th. Nor more than 60 Persons to 100 Tons.

7th. That every Fifth Man carried out of England be a Green Man, and not a Seaman; and that the Masters provide in England Victuals and other Necessaries for the whole Voyage, Salt only excepted.

8th. That no Fishing Ship do depart directly for Newfoundland in any Year, before the 1st of March.

9th.