

"Following is text of "Modus Vivendi," as agreed to:—

"The question of principle and of respective rights being entirely reserved on both sides, the British and French governments agree that the "Status quo ante" shall be maintained during the ensuing season, on the following basis:—

"Without France or Great Britain demanding at once a new examination of the legality of the installation of British or French Lobster Factories on the coast of Newfoundland where the French enjoy rights of fishing conferred by the Treaties, it is understood that there shall be no modifications in the position occupied by the establishments of either country on the 1st July, 1889: except that a subject of either nation may remove any such establishment to any spot on which the Commanders of the two naval stations shall have previously agreed.

"No Lobster Fisheries which were not in operation on the 1st July, 1889, shall be permitted, unless by joint consent of the Commanders of British and French naval stations.

"In consideration of each new Lobster Fishery so permitted, it shall be open to the fishermen of the other country to establish a new Lobster fishery on some spot to be similarly settled by joint agreement between the naval commanders.

"Whenever any case of competition with respect to a Lobster Fishery arises, the Commanders shall proceed on the spot to a provisional delimitation having regard to the situation acquired by the two parties.

"N.B.—It is well understood that this arrangement is quite provisional, and shall only hold good for the fishing season which is about to open.

"Government House, March 14th, 1890."

ACTION OF LEGISLATURE.

Immediately upon receipt of this message the Legislative Assembly adopted the following resolutions which were concurred in by the Legislative Council:—

"*Resolved*,—That, referring to the assurances of Her Majesty's Government that the fishing rights of her Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland should never be interfered with except with the consent of the Legislature of the Colony, and also referring to the Address of both branches of the Legislature to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, passed during its last session, the Legislative Assembly has