

4. *Resolved*,—That in pursuance of the said recognized constitutional right, we deem it our duty, in the most emphatic manner, to refuse our assent to the said Convention, giving, as it does, to the subjects of France, such further concessions of our fisheries, as would virtually vest exclusive privileges in them, to the sacrifice of the rights and interests of our constituents, and the ultimate ruin of this Colony as a British possession.

5. *Resolved*,—That the concessions made to the French in former Treaties, of the most valuable Coastal Fisheries of this Island, have operated to the detriment of British Interests, and have been a source of grave dissatisfaction to the inhabitants of this Colony.

6. *Resolved*,—That the French Newfoundland Fisheries being the nucleus of the French naval power, and sustained by large bounties, no British or Colonial Fishermen have been able to compete on any of the fishing grounds or banks, common to the Subjects of both Nations,—the British Bank Fishery has been therefore annihilated, and our Shore Fishery greatly damaged, while the produce of this Colony has had to sustain an unequal competition in foreign markets with that of the French.

7. *Resolved*,—That the necessary withdrawal of our Fishermen from the Banks obliges them to rely mainly on the Labrador Fishery, which gives most lucrative employment to large numbers of our Fishermen.

8. *Resolved*,—That the concession of a concurrent right of fishing to the French, on that part of Labrador lying between Blanc Sablon and Cape Charles, and in the Straits at Belle Isle, would practically confer on them the exclusive fishery in these places, and many of the inhabitants of this and the neighbouring Colonies, besides other British subjects, would thus be deprived of a most valuable source of livelihood, while the British capital invested in the establishments on that part of the coast would be lost, and the fishery for a considerable distance North of Cape Charles would be injured by the use in the Straits of Belle Isle of the immense seines and bultows usually employed by the French.

9. *Resolved*,—That the contingent permission to the French to take Bait between Cape St. Mary's and Cape La Hune, would destroy our Western Fishery, and ultimately depopulate that portion of the Colony.

10. *Resolved*,—That the power given to the French to expel British subjects from their homes, and deprive them of the rights they have acquired on the North-east and Western Coasts of this Island, and to settle three Frenchmen to every mile of coast in their stead, would be a