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arguments are too numerous to be embodied in the present statements, and may more appropriately form the subject matter of a subsequent communication. I will, therefore, conclude this Report by stating that there are no legal prohibitions in this country against the use of any kind of nets, either as regards description, measurement, or size of meshes but the existing laws, nevertheless, enforce certain restrictions as to the mode of using them, which clearly encourage the employment of the drift net, to the detriment of the seine.

As I have already stated in my recent Report on the Cod Fisheries, the tendency of the legislation of this country is to remove the restrictions which still interfere with the free prosecution of the fisheries; and as the latest law concerning the herring fisheries dates from 1851, it is probable that when the alteration which it is proposed to effect in the laws regulating the cod fisheries are made, this law will likewise be included in the same revision.

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