

and Sir James was called home the same year, nothing more was done respecting it.

The second and third Articles in the Prospectus being engendered by the late disastrous events, have, of course, to be considered for the first time.

The fourth Article, on the expediency of an application being made to the Home Government, or to the Imperial Parliament, for the exclusive supply of the British West India Islands and Settlements, has engaged my attention for several years. On this subject, I beg leave to mention that, during my residence in Halifax, Nova Scotia, being one of the Committee of Trade of that town, I exerted myself, with the other members, to obtain the exclusion of American vessels from the supply of those Islands with fish of all kinds. During nigh twenty years, we annually sent home memorials and documents, proving the great detriment suffered by the fisheries and trade of Nova Scotia from the Americans, and it was not until the time arrived, when the British Provinces could prove their capacity to furnish all the fish required for the annual supply of those Islands and Settlements, that we obtained the exclusion of American vessels with those articles.

In 1834, I repaired to Toronto, and resided there till January last. In the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament, previous to leaving, I presented a statement to the Legislative Council on the subject of this fourth Article, stating the losses