

these Provinces is excited in favour of the fishermen of the United States who are persecuted for the infringement of these exclusive rights.

I have, &c.
(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 120.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir J. Harvey to Earl Grey.

My Lord, *Government House, Halifax, September 7, 1849.*

REFERRING to my despatch of the 10th August and its inclosures, I have now the honour to transmit a copy of the proceeding of the Conference therein reported. The gentlemen present represented the Government of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, that of Newfoundland declining to send Delegates. As regards myself, I have no further interfered with the late discussions than to suggest to the Members of my own Council on no account to give a premature assent to any resolutions which might, before Her Majesty's Government and the Provincial Legislature were consulted, pledge this Province to the surrender of rights involving the security of a staple trade, and perhaps a question of national importance.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. HARVEY.

Inclosure 2 in No. 120.

Report.

AT a Conference of Delegates from the Executive Government of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, held in Halifax, on the 3rd and 4th September, 1849, in compliance with a proposition forwarded by the Government of New Brunswick on the 31st July, at which the Members of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia were present, the following resolutions were passed:—

Present:

The Honourable Mr. Lafontaine.
" Mr. Merritt.
" Mr. Wilmot.
" Mr. Partelow.
" Mr. Hensley.
" Mr. Thornton.

The Honourable Mr. Uniacke.
" Mr. McNab.
" Mr. Howe.
" Mr. Huntington.
" Mr. Bell.
" Mr. Young.

1. Resolved: "That in consequence of the recent changes in the commercial policy of the British Empire, it is the opinion of this meeting that it has become necessary to obtain a more extended market for the natural products of the British North American Colonies, and that a reciprocal free exchange of such products between those Colonies and the United States of America would be highly advantageous to both."

2. Resolved: "That Her Majesty's Government be moved to negotiate with that of the United States for the removal of existing duties on certain articles, the growth and production of the British North American Colonies, allowing the like articles to be imported from the United States into these Colonies duty free."

3. Resolved: "That the following be the articles to be so imported, viz.: grain and bread stuffs of all kinds, vegetables, fruits, seeds, hay and straw, animals, salted and fresh meats, butter, cheese, lard, tallow, hides, horns, wool, undressed skins and furs of all kinds, ores of all kinds, iron in pigs and blooms, copper, lead in pigs, grind-stones and stones of all kinds, earth, coals, lime, ochres, gypsum (ground or unground), rock salt, wood, timber and lumber of all kinds, firwood, ashes, fish; fish-oil, viz., train oil, spermaceti oil, head matter and blubber, fins and skins the produce of fish or creatures living in the water."

4. Resolved: "That it be recommended to the respective Colonial Governments of