

Lordship will use your best influence and assistance to effect the abolition of the Local Legislature of that island, as the only means by which peace can be restored, property rendered secure, and the consequent return to the good faith and harmony that had ever existed previously to the granting of the Royal Charter.

NEWFOUNDLAND.
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 Addresses from
 Public Bodies and
 Individuals.

Anticipating the concurrence of Her Majesty's Ministers to the prayers of the numerous petitions and memorials that have been brought under their consideration, and abrogate the present Charter, we would humbly and respectfully suggest that the most effectual and most satisfactory government, for the future well-being of the island, would be by a Governor and an extended Council, to be nominated by the Executive; being assured, from the general state of society, that the elective franchise will not tend to the end of a good, wise, and well-regulated government.

Dartmouth, 8 March 1839.

[17 Signatures.]

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To the Most Noble the Marquis of *Normanby*, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Teignmouth, 12 March 1839.

YOUR Lordship's memorialists having for many years past been engaged in the trade and fishery of Newfoundland, view with great suspicion and alarm the encroachments on our liberties in the island, and the imposts levied on the articles of life necessarily imported there to carry on the fishery, which have been made and done by the House of Assembly; operating as they do against the fisheries, which are so much encouraged by other nations, both for their general benefit and the excellent nursery of seamen for the navy which they are found to afford.

Embarking, as we now are from these circumstances, to a much less extent than usual in the trade of Newfoundland, we shall another season be compelled to abandon it altogether unless your Lordship affords us protection; and we cannot but be impressed with the conviction, that the only lasting and efficient remedy for the evils which have so recently arisen there, will be the abolition of the Local Legislature, and a freedom from taxation of the necessaries of life.

We are, &c.

[19 Signatures.]
