

The Italians are anxious to procure their dried fish from Newfoundland; and as they would of course be highly advantageous customers to that colony, it is the duty of this country to do everything in its power to facilitate the intercourse. But, as I have already said, the interest of a considerable portion of the inhabitants of this country must naturally advance with those of the colonists at Newfoundland. The House, perhaps, is not aware that there are many places on the southern coast of England which are principally maintained by the trade carried on with the fishermen of Newfoundland. In the place which I represent, nearly 3000 persons obtain a livelihood by the manufacture of lines, cordage, sail-cloth, and other articles of the same kind, which are almost exclusively exported to the fisheries of Newfoundland. Under these circumstances, I trust that the tenders which have been made by the Italian States will be received with cheerfulness by this Government.

#### Mr. ROBINSON.

The Right Honourable Gentleman, in reply to that part of my statement in which I said that no answer had been returned to the letter to which I alluded, says, that the present Governor was put in possession of all the information which he would require by his (the Right Honourable Gentleman's) predecessor in office; but this, Sir, does not meet my charge on that head:—because, in point of fact, the Chamber of Commerce, to whom a letter was addressed on the 6th of January last, have not, up to the present moment, returned any answer. With respect to the other parts of the subject, I have only to observe, that the Right Honourable Gentleman has directed his reply entirely to the form of my motion, and has not, in my humble judgment, answered one of the allegations which were adduced by me. The Right Honourable Secretary declares that his Majesty's Government have been anxious to obtain information upon the subject, and that that has been the reason of the delay I complain of. But if they were really anxious to have obtained information, it is impossible that they could have had better opportunities than those which have occurred. Last year, during the discussion upon this subject, the Chief Justice of the colony,