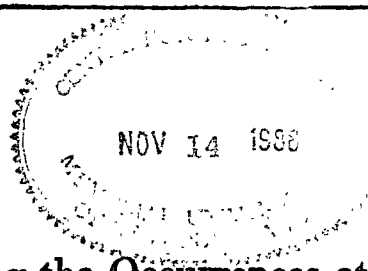


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Further Correspondence respecting the Occurrences at Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, in January 1878.

[In continuation of Confidential Paper No. 3851.]

No. 1.

Mr. Bramston to Lord Tenterden.—(Received December 10.)

My Lord,

Downing Street, December 10, 1878.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland, inclosing, with other papers, an Address from the House of Assembly, urging that, with the view of putting an end to the traffic in bait and ice which is carried on between the Newfoundland fishermen and the fishermen of the United States, to the detriment, as is alleged, of the bait fisheries of the island, directions may be given for causing the provisions contained in the Convention with the United States of 1818 and the Imperial Act 59 Geo. III, cap. 38, to be put in operation.

2. Upon the receipt of this despatch, Sir Michael Hicks Beach caused a reference to be made to the Inspectors of Salmon Fisheries in this country, a copy of which reference, together with a copy of their reply, is inclosed.

3. I am desired to refer you in connection with this question to the despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland No. 104 of the 31st October, 1877, and to the reply which was returned to Sir John Glover, a draft of which accompanied the letter from this Department of the 14th December last.

4. Sir Michael Hicks Beach proposes to reply to the Governor's present despatch in the terms of the draft inclosed, but before doing so he would be glad if the Marquis of Salisbury would take the papers into his consideration and apprise him whether he concurs in this reply.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

Governor Sir J. Glover to Sir M. Hicks Beach.

Sir,

Government House, June 26, 1878.

I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your consideration, a copy of an Address from the House of Assembly, accompanied by a Report of a Select Committee of the House, with evidence taken on the subject of the traffic in bait and ice, and its effect on the cod fishery of the country.

2. I may observe that this Address and Report represent a very strong opinion prevailing generally throughout the Colony on the matter in question, and it is hoped that Her Majesty's Government may find themselves able to comply with the wish expressed in the Address, and to enforce the provisions of the Convention and Act therein mentioned.

3. It was at first proposed in the Legislature that a special Act should be passed to prohibit the traffic, and the alternative of the present Address was adopted at the suggestion of the Government, who thought it the more expedient course of action.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN H. GLOVER.