

know the time and place where the occurrence had taken place, and also the names of the parties accused.

The Governor subsequently received a Petition addressed to Sir Alexander Milne, the Commander-in-Chief on the Station, signed by the crew of a schooner called the *Sea View*, making the same complaint to His Excellency, and giving the names of the fishermen, who, they alledged, had robbed them, mostly belonging to Carbonear.

On the 26th December last, the Governor informed Lord Mulgrave that the Attorney General had made some investigations into the matter, and was of opinion that a short Act would be necessary to deal with parties committing outrages on the Coast of Labrador, so far distant from the seat of Government here.

The Governor has informed Her Majesty's Government that it will be impracticable to carry such law into effect, unless we have some Naval Force or Maritime Police, to prevent the fishermen committing aggressions on themselves, or on others who enjoy the privilege of fishing on our coasts; and the Governor expressed the same opinion to Sir Alexander Milne, the Commander-in-Chief.

The locality where the aggressions took place was said to be "Salt Pond Harbor," which is designated on the Chart as "Sophia Harbor."

Government House, }
10th February, 1862. }

(*For Documents accompanying, see Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents do lie upon the table.

Despatch from Secretary of State relating to United States Passports.

He also, by like command, presented to the House Despatch from the Secretary of State, on the subject of Passports, furnished by the Agents of the United States Government.

(*For which, see Appendix.*)

Comparative Statement of Customs' Duties.

The Hon. Acting RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a comparative statement of Duties of Customs for the years 1857 to 1861.

(*For which, see Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the table.

Petition from Tradesmen and others, for alteration in Duty.

Mr. RENOUF presented a Petition from Michael Phelan, William O'Grady and others, Tradesmen and Fishermen of St. John's, which was