

St. Lawrence and other places, besides the banks of Newfoundland mentioned in the proposed Article, should likewise be included in the fishery rights of the United States.

These proposals, however, did not meet with the approval of the English Government, and a further amended Article was submitted for its consideration, to the following effect :—

“That the subjects of His Britannic Majesty and the people of the said United States shall continue to enjoy unmolested the right to take fish of every kind on all the banks of Newfoundland, also in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and all other places where the inhabitants of both countries used at any time heretofore to fish; and also to dry and cure their fish on the shores of the Isles of Sables, Cape Sables, and the shores of any of the unsettled bays, harbours, or creeks of Nova Scotia, and of the Magdalen Islands. And His Britannic Majesty and the said United States will extend equal privileges and hospitality to each other's fishermen as to their own.”

This Article on being referred to the British Government was also rejected, and Mr. Oswald was instructed to propose the following, as coming from the British Ministry, which he did on the 25th of November, 1782 :—

Article III. “The citizens of the said United States shall have the liberty of taking fish of every kind on all the banks of Newfoundland, and also in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and also to dry and cure their fish on the shores of the island of Sables and on the shores of any of the unsettled bays, harbours, and creeks of the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, so long as such bays, harbours, and creeks shall continue and remain unsettled, on condition that the citizens of the said United States do not exercise the fishery but at the distance of three leagues from all the coasts belonging to Great Britain, as well as those of the islands situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. And as to what relates to the fishery on the coast of the Island of Cape Breton out of the said gulf, the citizens of the said United States shall not be permitted to exercise the said fishery but at the distance of fifteen leagues from the coasts of the Island of Cape Breton.”