

6. The preferable claims of Fishermen and Current Suppliers by the present Insolvency Law of this Colony shall be maintained, unless hereafter altered by Local enactment.

*Exemption from Export Tax.*

7. No tax shall be imposed on the Exports of this Colony, unless a similar tax be levied on all the staple products of the other Provinces of the Dominion.

*Local Defence.*

8. From the condition of the people scattered along the coast, and their avocations in the Fisheries requiring their absence from home during a great part of the year, it is the opinion of this Committee that a Militia Service would be unsuited to their circumstances; but it is believed that an efficient Naval Reserve Force may be established on a satisfactory basis, and an increase in numbers and greater efficiency given to the present Volunteer organization. In the isolated and undefended position of this Island the maintenance of a Garrison force in *St. John's* as at present is indispensable.

*Fisheries.*

9. As the Dominion Government has by the said Act control over sea coast and inland Fisheries, and as the present staple industry of this colony is its Fisheries, and their encouragement would be mutually advantageous; and as certain branches thereof, particularly the Herring and Salmon Fisheries, require encouragement and improvement to increase their industrial and commercial value, their prosecution should be stimulated *by special subsidy from the General Government.* In any Customs Act the Dominion Importers of dried fish shall be subject to the Provisions contained in the third Section of the Act of this Colony, 31st *Victoria*, cap. 1.

*Water Companies' Stock.*

10. As the right of the Colony to impose a tax on Coal, as at present for the purposes of the General Water Company, will cease after the Union of this Colony with *Canada*, the Dominion Government shall relieve the Company of its liability for the payment of the interest on the Stock of the said Company to the extent of \$200,000.

*Steam Communication.*

11. There shall be provided by the General Government an efficient Mail Steam Service between the United Kingdom, this Colony and *Canada* a line of Steamboats for cargo and passengers between *Montreal* and *St. John's* during the season of navigation; the obligations of the Colony in respect of the present Mail Service with *Halifax* shall be undertaken by the Government of the Dominion, and Winter Steam communication with *Halifax* shall be always maintained. There shall be an efficient Coastal Steam Service, including the *Labrador*, in connection with the Post Office maintained by the Government of the Dominion.

*Appeal to the People.*

12. That no final arrangement shall be made for the admission of this Colony into the Union until an appeal be made to the people at the next general Election.;

That these Resolutions be sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence.

(Passed the House of Assembly, 5th March, 1869.)

W. V. WHITEWAY,

*Speaker.*

(Passed the Legislative Council, 16th March, 1869.)

EDWARD MORRIS,

*Senior Member present presiding.*