

Government, not unreasonably, ask in return that they may be enabled to exercise, in cases where none of Her Majesty's cruizers may actually be present, such an amount of supervision as may insure an uninterrupted enjoyment of the fisheries by their countrymen in these waters

Any inconvenience which might possibly be entailed by this arrangement would be obviated, if necessary, by a closer supervision being exercised on the part of Her Majesty's cruizers of those portions of the coast where the cruizers of the French navy may be stationed, and, indeed, it is contemplated that two of Her Majesty's cruizers should in future cruize more especially off the northern portion of the coast, where the French are in the habit of carrying on their principal fisheries.

It will be further observed that the fishery rights of the British are not in any way curtailed, but are, on the contrary, strengthened; their right of concurrent fishery being, as already pointed out, now recognized by the French.

In conclusion, I have to inform you that Her Majesty's Government have thought it desirable that the British Commissioners who attended the Commission in Paris should proceed to Newfoundland, in order to offer any explanations of the present Arrangement which your Government may desire to receive, and Her Majesty's Government confidently trust that your Ministers will view the Arrangement in the same light as that in which it is regarded by Her Majesty's Government, namely, as being a most advantageous one to the interests of the Colony, and as affording a means of avoiding the recurrence of those irritating questions which have so constantly arisen in connection with the Newfoundland Fisheries question, and, moreover, as greatly diminishing the risk of any conflicts between the fishermen of the two nations.

The British Commissioners will sail for Newfoundland on the 17th instant, and will present this despatch to you on their arrival.

Her Majesty's Government would be gratified if your Ministers should find it in their power to convene a special meeting of the Legislature as soon as may be possible, in order that the necessary Acts may be passed to give effect to those portions of the Arrangement which require legislative action, so that its provisions may be brought into operation at as early a date as possible.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed), DERBY.

Sir John Glover, G.C.M.G.,
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