

the Witnesses begged leave to submit to your Committee the following Plan :

That the Masters of all Ships shall on their Arrival deliver, in Writing, on Oath, a true Account of the Number of Passengers on board at the Time of his Arrival to the Governor, or to the Naval Officer, or his Deputy, at the Port where such Ship shall arrive, with a List of their Names, Occupations, and Places of Residence in Europe, or elsewhere; that the Master of such Ship, with One other Surety, shall give Bond to the Amount of for the Payment of such Passenger or Passengers Passage back to Europe at the End of the Fishing Season, such Passenger not being himself an-Employer in the Fishery, or not being employed as a Servant in the Fishery by some Master carrying on a Fishery at Newfoundland in that Season; but that these Securities be given and received by the Officer appointed, without Fee, or any Expence whatever to the Parties.

That the Governor of Newfoundland, or his Deputy, be authorized to provide a Passage Home for any such Passenger so unemployed in the Fishery, in any Passage Ship going from Newfoundland to the Country in which such Passenger was before a Resident, in Europe, and that the Cost of the Passage or Passages, and every Expence of Sea Stock, and all Accommodation for such Passenger or Passengers so unemployed in the Fishery, shall be paid by the Master or Owner of the Ship in which such Passengers were carried to Newfoundland, or by their Surety, to the Satisfaction of the Governor or his Deputy, on the same being demanded, on or after the 1st Day of October of the then fishing Season.

That the Master of any Ship which is intended to bring Passengers to Europe, is requested to inform the Governor or his Deputy of any such unemployed Men, and that such Masters shall be entitled to a Preference of bringing Home such Passengers, for which Passages and Expences such Master shall receive Payment before he leaves Newfoundland; but if Bonds were given in the British Dominions of Europe for the above Purpose, it is presumed it would be better to answer the End.

That all the Bills for Servants Wages, whether European Fishermen or Shoremen, be payable to the Person only, to secure his Return to Great Britain and Ireland, except to such Servants who are necessarily left for the Purposes of the Fishery; the Servant-being