

extensive or less productive than formerly? he said, That Part of the Town of Poole which has carried on the Fishery on the East and North Coast of Newfoundland has, he thinks, been very unproductive and unprofitable; that the South Part of the Coast has been the Reverse, attended with Success, by a greater Proportion of Fish than the other Parts of the Island, at the same Time availing themselves of the good Prices by the general Scarcity.—And being asked, If he remembers any Bankers at Poole? he said, A great Number; since the Peace there may have been about Twenty.—And being asked, If there were any before the American War? he said, Yes; but does not recollect the Number.—And being asked, How many there were now? he said, He does not expect there will be Five from the Port of Poole; there were Ten or Twelve last Year; the Reason of their being less is on Account of the War; the Decrease from Twenty to Ten or Twelve was owing to the Bankruptcies.—And being asked, Were not the Shore Fish more in Request at Foreign Markets? he said, By much; they will not take Bank Fish if they can get Shore Fish.—And being asked, Whether the Shore Fishery was increased in Proportion to the Decrease of the Bank Fishery? he said, He does not know that it is.—And being asked, If he was willing to give up the Bounties, if the Grievances he complained of were removed? he said, Certainly, as far as relates to his own Opinion.—And being asked, What Parts of the Act of the 15th of George the Third had been disregarded? he said, The Fourteenth Clause, with respect to the Employers paying the Fishermen Half their Wages in Bills.—And being asked, How has this Clause been evaded? he said, By not having Complaints made, under the general Idea that they were very improper and obnoxious it had not been generally put in Execution; none of the Clauses which he stated before as burthensome to the Trade have been fully enforced for the before-mentioned Reason; though those Clauses have not been generally enforced, yet they have very frequently.—And being asked, If he spoke to the Whole of Newfoundland, or to the Out Ports? he said, He spoke to the Out Ports; he knows little of St. John's, but by Hearsay Information.—And being asked, If the Thirteenth Clause has been executed? he said, He believes it has been, but in general Cases it was not possible.—And being asked, If he meant that it was not possible to deduct the Forty Shillings? he said, Surely.—And being asked, Why? he said, The Wages of a very principal Part of the Servants who go to Newfoundland, and particularly Green Men, will not allow it, but a very great Number of every Description the Merchant