
THE COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the State of the Trade to *NEWFOUNDLAND*, and to report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House; and who were empowered to report their Proceedings, from Time to Time, to the House;

HAVE made a further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and have examined several other Witnesses, the Substance of whose Evidence is as follows:

AARON GRAHAM, Esquire, being examined, was asked, Whether he had ever been in Newfoundland? he said, Yes, he was Thirteen Years Secretary to the Governors of the Island; he was there from the Year 1779 to the End of the Year 1791.—And being asked, During the Time he was there, what were the Fluctuations of the Trade? he said, Without looking at the printed Returns of the Admirals, he could not give a direct Answer to that Question.—And being asked, Whether he is of Opinion, that the Trade has been in an increasing State since that Period? he said, Yes, after the War was over, it increased very considerably to the Year 1788; he thinks, it was higher during that Year than it ought to be; it fell in consequence of it the next Year very much, and the Year 1791 it increased again; and he thinks, it was in that Year higher than it was before the American War.—And being asked, to explain what he meant by saying, the Trade was greater in the Year 1788 than it would bear? he said, Because he knew the Merchants in many Instances in that Year refused to take Fish of the Boatkeepers for Payment of their Supplies, and whenever that happens, he thinks, it plainly shews, there is too much Fish caught; and he knows, that many of the Boatkeepers that Year, although they had made

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