

with their said fishing and packing operations on said coast. The great majority of the people so employed belong to said coast. If your petitioners are interfered with and obstructed next season as they have been during the past three seasons, they will be obliged to withdraw their packing operations from said coast altogether.

7. Annexed hereto is a statement showing the losses which your petitioners estimate they have sustained by reason of the matters and things above complained of. The said estimate is a just and fair one.

8. Your petitioners were not during said period, or any part thereof, afforded any assistance or protection whatsoever by, or on behalf of, the Government of Newfoundland against the interference and injuries complained of.

Your petitioners feel deeply aggrieved at the treatment received by them, and the losses they have in consequence sustained, and they respectfully submit that inasmuch as the Government of Newfoundland claims the right to exact duties upon goods landed upon said coast, and to have and exercise control and jurisdiction over that coast, and that the prosecution of the lobster catching and packing business on said coast is of vital importance to the people living there, it should afford your petitioners sufficient protection to enable them to prosecute their fishing operations in peace, and, further, that it should compensate your petitioners for their said losses.

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"BULLFROG," AT PORT SAUNDERS,

13th June, 1887.

[MEMORANDUM.]

It having been brought to my notice by Captain Humann, chief of the French Naval Division in Newfoundland, that he has been memorialised by the captains of the French fishing vessels at Port-au-Choix, to the effect that certain operations pertaining to the lobster factory under your management interfere with the enjoyment of the fishing rights accorded to them by treaty, and having carefully considered the matter, I find it my duty to order you to desist from setting traps for the lobsters henceforth on the coast north of the extreme of Two Hills Point and round the shore of Keppel Island, and do so accordingly.

Witness my hand this 13th day of June, 1887.

J. MASTERMAN, *Lieutenant and Commander,*  
*J.P. for Newfoundland and Labrador.*

To the Manager of the Lobster Factory at Port Saunders.