

steps to establish a legal transfer of this commodity for the benefit of the revenue, or show more decision and method in the employment of means for its suppression, that it is in vain to rely upon any consistent aid being received from the Captain of the single ship appointed to protect the entire fishings of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I trust that I need not assure your Lordship that it is from no other wish on my part, that I point to these various difficulties in the way of a successful guardianship of our fishing interests, than to show in how many instances the people are themselves to blame for the evils they complain of, and how little the Colonial Government has been enabled to perform for the protection of its best interests, owing, I firmly believe, to the opposition it has met with from parties interested in carrying on a contraband trade.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Granville G. Loch,*
Captain.
