
EXTRACT from a REPRESENTATION of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to His MAJESTY, relating to the *Newfoundland* Trade and Fishery; dated 29th April 1765.

To the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

May it please Your MAJESTY,

AS the Fisheries of Newfoundland, and of the Territories dependent thereupon, which have been added to Your Majesty's Dominion by the Definitive Treaty of Paris, are of the greatest Importance to the Commerce and Navigation of these Kingdoms, we thought it our Duty, the last Year, upon Your Majesty's Appointment of Captain Palliser to be Governor of that Island, and of the said Territories, to form his Instructions in such Manner as, joined to the Confidence we had in that Gentleman's Ability, gave us reasonable Ground to hope for the fullest Information of the true State of the said Fisheries; in the carrying on of which it appeared, that many great Irregularities and Disorders had prevailed; nor have we been disappointed in the Expectations we had entertained, by the Conduct of Your Majesty's Governor on this Occasion, whose Attention to the due Execution of those Parts of his Instructions which regard immediately the State of the Island, and of the Fishery of Your Majesty's Subjects, is no less deserving of Your Majesty's favourable Notice, than that which he has shewn to the more delicate and difficult Parts of those Instructions; for his Proceedings on which we humbly beg Leave to refer to our Representations of the 11th of December last, and of the 16th Instant.

It would be mis-spending Your Majesty's Time to trouble Your Majesty with a Recital of all the Facts mentioned, and the Observations suggested in the Letters we have received from Captain Palliser, and in his Answers to the several Queries contained in his Instructions; and therefore we shall content ourselves for the present with representing to Your Majesty what appears to be the general State of this important Branch of the Commerce of Your Majesty's Kingdoms, resulting from those Facts and Observations,

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