

Majesty's subjects in this Island, in the prevention of interference by the French with the prosecution of any lawful industries enterprised by British subjects in Newfoundland.

Deign to accept Most Gracious Sovereign our profoundest expression of loyalty and affection.

Passed the House of Assembly, 1st June 1889.

ALEX. J. W. MCNEILY, *Speaker*.

Passed the Legislative Council, 1st June 1889.

E. D. SHEA, *President*.

REPLY TO JOINT ADDRESS.

During the present Session of the Legislature the following Reply to the said Address was laid on the table of the Assembly :—

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NEWFOUNDLAND,
No. 67.

DOWNING STREET, 9th Nov., 1889.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 34, of the 1st June last, enclosing a Joint Address to the Queen, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, relating to matters connected with the Newfoundland fisheries.

This Address, after alluding to the case of the removal last year of Messrs. Andrews & Murphy's Lobster Factory at White Bay, and referring to various clauses of the Treaties and engagements bearing upon the rights given to French fishermen, proceeds as follows:

“Having regard to all the facts referred to, and the necessary deductions resulting therefrom, we are led to the expression of opinion that in this matter, that is to say in the assertion that protection of the rights of your Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland is against the aggressive and unwarranted claims of French subjects, and for the avoidance of discord, tumult and disturbance between the subjects of the two great Powers, it is necessary that some firm and vigorous action should be taken by the colony with the countenance, co-operation and active assistance of your Majesty's Government.”

“We humbly submit that such action should have special reference to the following points :—