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COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K.G., to Governor Sir *A. Bannerman.*

Sir, Downing-street, 9 January 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 57,* of the 18th ultimo, and to acquaint you that I see no reason to doubt the propriety of the course which you intend to take with respect to the continuance of Mr. Larmour on the commission of the peace.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Newcastle.*

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COPY of a DESPATCH from his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K.G., to Governor Sir *A. Bannerman.*

Sir, Downing-street, 4 February 1864.

WITH reference to your Despatch, No. 58,* of the 18th December last, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Hunt and Henley, in which they allege that the officer appointed to collect the revenue on the coast of Labrador, under the recent Act, has demanded duties from the inhabitants of certain harbours along the coast, whilst at others no duties have been collected at all.

I have to request that you will furnish me with a report on the subject of this statement, which appears to involve a charge of partiality against the collector.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Newcastle.*

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Sir, Broad-street Buildings, 30 January 1864.

IN reply to your letter of 12th instant, it is not of course in our power to enter into details of the Labrador Collector's report, unless we are furnished with a copy of it. But we have made some inquiries, and beg to call your attention to the following facts respecting his visit, limiting them for clearness sake to one point, and to the one part of the coast we are best acquainted with, viz., that extending from Battle Harbour in latitude 52 to Sandwich Bay in latitude 54.

Within this district there are 37 harbours named in an official paper of 1856, and at least double that number not there mentioned, in all about 100. The collector has called at six or seven only of these, and in consequence the merchants in these harbours so selected, have been compelled to pay duties, and these of most objectionable kind, say on the food of their fishermen, their lines and nets, the salt used for curing their fish, and the casks used for packing it, while all others in the 90 odd remaining harbours have been exempt.

It is from a system involving this partiality and injustice, and many others such as this, that we ask to be relieved; and we think we have a right to call on the Colonial Office, with whom the power resides, to take some measures to protect us. If you still refuse to disallow the Newfoundland Acts relating to Labrador, let a Bill be introduced into Parliament for removing that coast from the government of Newfoundland, and replacing it under the Governor of Canada. It is not, perhaps, our place to suggest measures, and we are quite aware that in our foregoing remarks, we are merely reiterating complaints and statements already made. But the memorialists feel that they have no alternative but to continue to bring before Her Majesty's Government and before Parliament the statement of their wrongs, until they obtain that redress which the justice of their claim must ultimately insure for them.

We are, &c.
Sir F. Rogers, Bart., Colonial Office. (signed) *Hunt* and *Henley.*
