

CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the neighbouring Coasts.

Signed at London, January 14, 1857.

[Ratifications exchanged at London, January 16, 1857.]

HER MAJESTY the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of the French, being desirous to remove for the future all cause of misunderstanding between their respective subjects relative to the fisheries on the coast of the Island of Newfoundland and the neighbouring coasts, by regulating with exactness the rights and privileges of their said subjects, have resolved to conclude a Convention for that purpose, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say :

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honorable George William Frederick, Earl of Clarendon, Baron Hyde of Hindon, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs ; and the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies :

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, the Sieur John Gilbert Victor Fialin, Count of Pérsigny, a Senator, Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honour, Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Mejidie of Turkey, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus of Sardinia, Grand Cross of the Order of Danebrog of Denmark, His Ambassador to Her Britannic Majesty ;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles :—

ARTICLE I.

French subjects shall have the exclusive right to fish, and to use the strand for fishery purposes, during the season elsewhere specified (Art. 8), on the east coast of Newfoundland, from Cape St. John to the Quirpon Islands. They shall also have the right to fish, and to use the strand for fishery purposes, during the said season, to the exclusion of British subjects, on the north coast of Newfoundland, from the Quirpon Islands to Cape Norman ; and on the west coast, in and upon the five fishing-harbours of Port-au-Choix, Small Harbour (or Petit Port), Port au Port, Red Island, and Cod Roy Island. Such exclusive fish-