

this Time, contracted there, who may hereafter return from Newfoundland to Britain, should be exempt from Arrest for such Debts so long as they continue to go to and return from Newfoundland Yearly to Britain.

2nd, No Debt whatever contracted in that Country by any Fisherman, or Servant serving for Wages, should be recoverable.

3d, It is the Practice of Inhabitants to engage Men to serve Two Summers and a Winter: It should not be lawful for any Men to bind themselves to serve in that Country for more than Six Months, or for One Fishing Season.

4th, It is the general Practice of Masters to credit their Fishermen Servants to the Amount of their whole Wages, above Half of which is most commonly Rum: Thus, when their Time is out, they are distressed, and necessitated to stay, having nothing to pay their Passage; they must steal for their Subsistence, or sell themselves to the Plantations, which Thousands do from this Cause.

5th, For Remedy of these Evils, no Deductions from any Servants Wages for Liquor should be lawful, nor for Supplies of any other Kind in Newfoundland exceeding Shillings.

6th, Every Master should by Law be obliged to pay, out of the Wages of each Man he employs, the Passage Money for the Man's Passage Home to the Master of a Passage Ship, in the same Manner as by Custom they now pay for the Passage out of any Man they hire on his Arrival. This Encouragement to Ships will make a certain Provision of a sufficient Number of Ships to carry all the Men Home; but now from the Uncertainty of getting such Freights very few Ships put up for Passengers Home.

7th, No Dietors, or People who entertain Fishermen or Servants in that Country in the Winter, on the Credit of their Wages, should be allowed in Newfoundland; all such Men, as well as their Entertainers, being Idlers, and a Public Loss.

8th, As farther Encouragement for Shipping to bring Home Men from the Fisheries, suppose that every Ship bringing Home at the least Men Passengers from the Fisheries was to be entitled to some Privileges; such as, in Times of Press, such Ships to be allowed a certain Number of Men free from Press, in the same Manner, and for the same good Purposes, as the Greenland Ships have now by Act of Parliament, for the Encouragement of that Trade, a Protection for a certain Number of Men. Masters of Ships to be entitled to such Protections, on producing what may be judged a proper Certificate of the exact Number of Men he has actually landed in Britain, or in His Majesty's Dominions in Europe: Thus the exact Number returning will be nearly known.

9th, As a farther Security for the Return of the Men, let it be unlawful to pay any Servant's Wages in Newfoundland otherways than by Bills of Exchange for the Balance due, such Bills to be drawn payable to the Man only; but to make such Bills negociable, they may be payable to the Man's Order, provided he indorses it after landing in the