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Despatch from the Governor.

Governor Hill to the Earl of Kimberley.

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Government House, Newfoundland,
26th November, 1870.
(Received 27th December, 1870.)

MY LORD,

24th October,
1870.

I have the honour to transmit, for your Lordship's information, Captain Pasley's Report on the Fisheries of this island and Labrador for the year 1870.

2. The Fisheries of Newfoundland were productive; but on the Coast of Labrador the fishing during the first year has been a failure, principally caused by the ice and the boisterous severe season.

3. Many fishermen and their families depending on the Labrador fishing may, I fear, suffer deprivation and want during this winter; but the local government are doing what they can for their relief by finding employment for them on the public roads, that they may be enabled to support their families, if inclined to work, and thus help themselves; but the Newfoundlander, whilst he freely exposes his life to danger on the sea in all seasons and evinces great industry as a fisherman, any other labour appears to be distasteful to him.

4. It is during the winter or idle period of the year the merchants are so apprehensive of violence and plundering on the part of those men who may have been unsuccessful during the previous fishing season, and more particularly are they alarmed just now, the troops having been removed; but I trust the winter may pass without any disturbance or rioting, as the Government will do all in their power to ensure peace and order.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

STEPHEN J. HILL.

FORWARDING REPORT ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FISHERIES.

H.M.S. *Niobe*, at St. John's, 24th October, 1870.

(Received 24th October, 1870.)

SIR,

I beg to forward herewith, for your Excellency's information, a report on the Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries for this year.

I have, &c.,

To His Excellency Colonel Stephen (Signed)
J. Hill, C.B., Governor of Newfoundland.

RUSSELL S. PASLEY,
Commander.

REPORT ON THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FISHERIES.

NEWFOUNDLAND COAST.

On visiting first the South Shore of Newfoundland, in the month of June, I found the fish very late in striking in on the coast, consequently could only form an idea of what the catch might be by the end of the season; I was informed though, by the majority of the fishermen, that a good season was anticipated, as the catch, though at that time small, consisted of large fish in good condition.

The weather, also, on the banks having been so bad as to cause the French fishing to