

preceded it on the same subject, I would however add to its articles of regulation the following:—1st. Respecting the Cod Fishery, I should wish that not only the throwing the offal of that fish into the sea, within a shorter distance from the coast than four leagues, should be prohibited, but that it should be forbidden to throw any upon the fishing grounds, as the Orphan Banks, and others more remote from the coast, and that the fishing vessels should be obliged either to carry them to the shore and put them on the ground, or to carry them beyond the grounds above-mentioned. 2dly. With respect to the Salmon Fishery in the River Ristigouche, it would be necessary to fix, in some generally known manner, the boundary line between this Province and that of New-Brunswick, at least at the middle of the Islands of that River. 3dly. That according to the regulations observed in my time along the whole North coast of New-Brunswick, the South part of Chaleur-Bay and all that of the River Ristigouche excepted, every Saturday evening all the nets spread in the Rivers should be taken up, the consequence would be the gaining one day more for the Salmon to ascend, and a moral advantage, that of suspending the labour necessary every day for curing and salting the fish. 4thly. That a penalty should be imposed on every scow, flat bottomed boat, canoe or other vessel stopped in the current of the fishery rivers, for the shadow of such vessels, which are sometimes designedly left in the passage intended for the fish, and the vibration of their cables, alarm the fish and divert their course. 5thly. That it should be forbidden to lay nets in the secondary channels, that is to say in those formed by the enlargement of an arm of the River at the outlet of a Strait having but one channel. There is a custom of barring all the small channels, to leave a pretended channel or equivalent space, where the Salmon scarcely passes but by being driven. 6thly. To prohibit very expressly *Nijagans*, or Dykes, by which a River is barred, and to which sometimes all the Salmon within several leagues is conveyed; this custom alarms the fish which escape, and while the operation lasts, prevents the fish which comes from sea from ascending the River. 7thly. To prevent the felling of the woods along the margins of the Salmon fishery rivers, during the season for fishing and the season for the spawning of that fish, that is to say from the 1st of May to the 20th of October. This is founded on the conduct of certain adventurers, chiefly Americans, who, since the late war, cut and bring down in rafts lumber cut along those Rivers, and more especially that of Ristigouche, which being hardly more than an acre wide, is easily obstructed by those rafts, which turn away the Salmon; add to this, the noise of the work carried on along the borders of so clear and shallow a river. 8thly. That the Indians only should be allowed to take, kill, or catch Salmon above the limits fixed for the spreading of nets. 9thly. To prohibit the placing at the end of stands, near the channels, swing-nets, of which the length in a direct line with the stand might exceed the extremity. 10thly. That the fine imposed should be payable for each and every post or support of