

THE
Newfoundland Fishery Dispute,
OR THE
“French-Shore” Question.

CHAPTER I.
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE sovereignty of the Island from the first belonged to Great Britain

It will be most helpful in the consideration of this difficult subject if we can first satisfactorily determine to which nation the ancient Sovereignty of Newfoundland rightly belonged. For, it need scarcely be said, our French friends are so far from taking the view which, correctly, as we think, assigns it to England, that up to the present they have strenuously and frequently asserted their Treaty rights represent but a small fraction of a former dominion sufficiently great to be called ‘Sovereignty’. If it be necessary to shew by quotations that such a claim is actually made, attention may be drawn to the statements of