

TO

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

*The Humble Address of Your Majesty's Legislative Council and House of
Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.*

MAY BE PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of New Brunswick, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with sentiments of profound respect, and with unabated attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

The prompt and efficient protection afforded by Your Majesty's Naval Forces to the Fisheries of British North America, which secured its Coasts from Foreign aggression during the past year, and enabled British Subjects to enjoy unmolested their rights and privileges, has inspired the inhabitants of New Brunswick with increased confidence in the determination of Your Majesty's Government to maintain, to the fullest extent, their claim to this invaluable source of industry and wealth: And we again entreat, that Your Majesty will be pleased to continue such protection, being impressed with the belief that it will prove much more advantageous and satisfactory than the acceptance of any equivalent yet offered by the American Government for a participation in these Fisheries; a full and unmolested enjoyment of which is of the utmost importance, forms an incalculable source of wealth, and is of inestimable value to the People of New Brunswick.

Maritime Nations at all times, and in every quarter of the Globe, have set up and maintained certain exclusive privileges within three marine miles of their shores; and by universal custom and the law of Nations, the claim has been defined by lines, not within Bays, but from the entrance of such Bays, as designated by a line drawn from headland to headland forming such Bays; which law has been fully recognized by the most eminent American as well as other Jurists; and by the Articles of the Convention of 1818, the United States thereby renounced forever the liberty of fishing within three marine miles of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbours of certain portions of the British North American Colonies: this Treaty stipulation is clearly expressed and is incapable of misconstruction.