

language used to describe "the fishery" which the French were entitled to pursue is utterly inapplicable to lobster catching, or the erection of factories for taking or canning lobsters."

Having regard to all the facts referred to and the necessary deductions relating therefrom, we are led to the expression of opinion, that, in this matter, that is to say in the assertion and protection of the rights of Your Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland against the aggressive and unwarranted claims of French subjects, and for the avoidance of discord, tumult and disturbance between the subjects of the two great Powers, it is necessary that some firm and vigorous action should be taken by the Colony with the co-operation and active assistance of Your Majesty's Government.

We humbly submit that such action should have special reference to the following points:

- (1.) To the protection of British Fishermen in the prosecution of their lawful avocations as regards the Lobster Fishery.
- (2.) To the resistance of the claims of the French now first asserted in respect of this new industry.
- (3.) To the removal of all Lobster Factories or buildings in connection with the Lobster Fishery, erected by French subjects upon Newfoundland Territory.
- (4.) To the assertion and protection of the right of British subjects, to the use of British territory in Newfoundland for agricultural, lumbering or mining purposes, without the interruption, molestation or interference of the French under any pretended Treaty claims.

For the causes herein set forth, and with the grievances herein complained of, we, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, do therefore approach Your Majesty with the humble prayer, that Your Majesty will be pleased to take the same into gracious and favourable consideration, that Your Majesty will cause the same to be brought to the notice and consideration of Your Majesty's Ministers, that Your Majesty will graciously cause such action to be taken as shall lead to the removal of all Lobster Factories, or establishments, or buildings, connected with the Lobster industry, erected by the French upon the territory of Newfoundland, and to the prevention of any such erections in future; and that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause it to be an instruction to the Commanders and Officers of Your Majesty's Ships, engaged in the protection of the Fisheries upon the Coast of Newfoundland, that they shall be aiding and assisting Your