

The Commissioners under the Treaty have already given their awards on most of the rivers in the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the State of Maine; in any case where the British and American Commissioners differ, an umpire is called on to decide, and hitherto no difficulties have occurred.

The Commissioners' awards have been published, along with plans and diagrams of the river boundaries.

Mr. Perley's duties will be strictly confined to the provisions laid down in the Treaty with the United States of 1855. He will be furnished by the Admiral with a ship of war to convey him to our coasts, and in all probability will leave Halifax about the 1st July.

A survey of the mouths of the rivers in Newfoundland and its Dependencies will be of vast importance to prevent disputes, and enable the Legislature to adopt such measures to regulate the river fisheries as may effectually protect the breed of the salmon species; and at no distant day it is not improbable that fishery grants, under proper restrictions, may become a source of revenue, and afford employment to many of our labouring classes.

Salmon is always a marketable article, and whether preserved in tin, or smoked and dried, it becomes easily transportable, and will find ready markets.

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#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

THE Governor has received a Despatch from the Colonial Minister, stating that copies of the awards made by the Commissioners and Umpire under the Reciprocity Treaty, together with the plans and charts referred to in these awards, had been sent to His Excellency, who was at liberty to communicate the same to the Legislature of Newfoundland.

The documents referred to are lodged in the Colonial Secretary's Office for the information of the Members of the Legislature of Newfoundland.

Secretary's Office, 10 June 1862.

*R. Carter,*  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, That after the expiration of the present fishing season, the duties imposed by the annual Revenue Acts will be collected on that part of the Labrador coast lying within the Government of Newfoundland, and the proceeds applied, so far as may be necessary, to the expense of protecting the fisheries on that coast, and of the maintenance there of a Court of limited Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.

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#### Enclosure 2, in No. 1.

Encl. 2, in No. 1. EXTRACTS from Report of Mr. *E. Rendell* to Governor *Prescott*, relative to Proceedings on the Coast of Labrador. 1840.

"As may be expected, on such a length of coast, disputes will arise amongst the people, to adjust which they have no one authorised to resort to, which oftentimes gives rise to the worst of feelings, and leads to disastrous consequences; but beyond this, the commission of crime is not unfrequent, and that, too, of the blackest die. A man is going at large there at this moment who murdered his wife last winter, and during last summer two attempts at murder were made. These circumstances, alone, are sufficient to show the necessity for establishing a Court to punish and repress offenders."

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"The extensive sale of spirits without license or payment of duties by Nova Scotians and Americans who resort to that coast, is much complained of; they carry a cheap, bad article, with which they supply the servants in the fishery, to the great damage and injury of their employers, who have not the slightest remedy against the evil; thus the revenue is defrauded, and the fishery injured at the same time."

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