

"Whereas differences having arisen respecting the liberty claimed by the United States for the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry, and cure fish on certain coasts, bays, and creeks of His Britannic Majesty's dominions in America, it is agreed between the High Contracting Parties that the inhabitants of the said United States shall have, forever, in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind on that part of the southern coast of Newfoundland, which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands; on the western and northern coast of Newfoundland from the said Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands; on the shores of the Magdalen Islands; and also on the coasts, bays, Harbours and creeks, from Mount Joli, on the southern coast of Labrador, to and through the Straits of Belle Isle, and thence northwardly indefinitely along the coast, without prejudice, however, to any of the exclusive rights of the Hudson's Bay Company. And that the American fishermen shall also have the liberty forever, to dry and cure fish in any of the unsettled bays, harbours, and creeks, on the southern part of the Coast of Newfoundland hereabove described;²¹ and of the coast of Labrador; but, so soon as the same or any portion thereof shall be settled, it shall not be lawful for the said fishermen to dry, or cure, fish at such portions so settled, without previous agreement for such purpose with the inhabitants, proprietors or possessors of the ground. And the United States hereby renounce, forever, any liberty, heretofore enjoyed, or claimed, by the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry, or cure, fish on or within three marine miles of any of the coasts, bays, creeks, or harbours of His Britannic Majesty's dominions in America, not included within the above mentioned limits.²²

"Provided, however, that the American fishermen shall be at liberty to enter such bays, or harbours, for the purpose of shelter, and of repairing damages therein, of purchasing wood, and of obtaining water, and for no other purpose whatever. But they shall be under such Restrictions as may be necessary

²¹By the treaty of 1783, American fishermen had been expressly prohibited from drying or curing fish on the coasts of Newfoundland.

²²This renunciation excludes American fishermen from fishing within the three marine mile belt of territorial waters along the eastern and south-eastern coasts of Newfoundland and along the coasts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, west of Mount Joli, and also British Columbia; subject to the treaty proviso as to shelter, repairing damages, and obtaining wood and water, within their bays and harbours.