

Inclosure 3 in No. 8.

Statement of Daniel McFaden.

I, DANIEL McFADEN, of Gloucester, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and United States of America, being duly sworn, do depose and say that I am captain of the American "Howard Holbrook," and that on the 16th day of August, 1879, I was at Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, that I had a seine with which I attempted to seine bait, but the natives at that place opposed my setting the seine. One man named Cooper, speaking for the others, said that if I attempted to use my seine they would cut it to pieces and break up our dories. There were thirty men prepared there to do this. Not being able to catch my bait myself by using my seine, I offered to pay the native fishermen 75 cents per barrel for herring, but they demanded 1 dollar. I was finally obliged to purchase squid at 22 cents per hundred. I needed 30,000 squid, but as I could not purchase them there I left Trinity Bay for Torbay, where I arrived on the 22nd August. If I had been allowed to set my seine I could have taken all the squid I needed.

Mr. Cooper said that no one should set a seine for squid within 3 miles of these shores and river. He said he knew the law. I do not know whether Cooper was an officer of the Government of Newfoundland or not.

(Signed) DANIEL McFADEN.

Torbay, Newfoundland, August 23, 1879.

Attested,
(Signed) THOMAS N. MOLLOY, *United States' Consul,*
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Inclosure 4 in No. 8.

Statement of Martin Ryan.

I, MARTIN RYAN, of Torbay, Newfoundland, being duly sworn, do depose and say that I was with Captain McFaden, of the American schooner "Howard Holbrook," at Smith Sound, Trinity Bay, when he was prevented by the native fishermen from using his seine. We were all ready to shoot the seine, and had it in the dory; Mr. Cooper and his people forbid our setting it. Cooper said if we shot the seine, he and the other native fishermen would cut it to pieces; that he knew the law, and we should not seine. There was no doubt that the seine would have been destroyed, as the people are determined not to allow the Americans to seine, as it would deprive them of the money they would receive for bait.

I have an ice-house in Torbay, and have been engaged in the business for four years. I sell about 100 tons of ice each year to the American fishing schooners at from 4 to 5 dollars per ton.

It is a great advantage to our people to have the American schooners come in for ice and bait, as they pay us in cash for what they purchase. Within the last two years a great many persons at different points along the coast are fitting up ice-houses to sell ice to the Americans. The general feeling of the operative fishermen along the coast of Newfoundland is opposed to the Americans taking their own bait with seines or otherwise, but they desire to have them come to this coast and purchase bait and ice. I know of no American vessels fishing within 3 miles of the coast of this island. About two years ago the schooner "Concord" was interfered with while fishing at Torbay.

(Signed) MARTIN RYAN.

Torbay, Newfoundland, August 23, 1879.

Attested,
(Signed) THOMAS N. MOLLOY, *United States' Consul,*
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Inclosure 5 in No. 8.

Captain Morgan to Mr. Molloy.

Sir,

Government House, Newfoundland, August 25, 1879.

I AM instructed by his Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant, with inclosures, relating to an alleged interruption