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*at the disposal of the Legislature.*”—It is impossible that the Lords of the Treasury could contemplate the appropriation, upon the sole authority of the Governor, of funds which in the same sentence they so distinctly described as at the disposal of the Legislature. The error into which Sir T. Cochrane fell was probably owing to his inexperience of the mode of proceeding in Colonies having Local Legislatures, and in some measure, perhaps, to the peculiar arrangement respecting the finances of the Island, which existed when the expence in question was originally defrayed.

The preceding communication will, I trust, satisfy the Colonial Assembly, that no intention exists, on the part of his Majesty's Government, to disregard their privileges, or to countenance any proceeding inconsistent with their character as the Representatives of the people. But the object of vindicating their authority and guarding against the establishment of a precedent having been thus answered, I cannot but hope that the Assembly will not feel called upon to press this matter any further.—The expenses which constitute the sum in question are so entirely personal to the Legislative bodies that it is impossible to doubt that the Assembly, if the subject had been properly brought before them, would willingly have agreed in the view taken of it by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. I cannot suppose, after this explanation and disclaimer on the part of his Majesty's Government, that the Assembly would now desire to compel the repayment by Sir T. Cochrane of a sum disbursed on account of their own indispensable services. I have therefore to desire that, in communicating to them a copy of this Despatch as an answer to their address to the King, you will express to them the confidence felt by his Majesty's Government that the object of that address being fulfilled, they will not decline to recognize the payment of those charges from Colonial funds.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

GLENELG.

No. 6.]

Downing Street, }  
18th July, 1835. }

SIR,—I have had the honor to receive your Despatch of the 7th May, No. 13, enclosing an address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland on the subject of difficulties placed in the way of the Island Fishery by natives of France. In reply I have to inform you that I have communicated upon this subject with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and that their Lordships have consequently instructed the Admiral on the Station to take the necessary steps for repressing the encroachments complained of by the Assembly.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GLENELG.

*Ordered*, that the said Message and Documents do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members.

Mr. P. BROWN gave notice, that on Tuesday next, the 19th instant, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the several Districts of this Island, and for the better regulation of the Office of Sheriff.