

COPY of PAPERS and CORRESPONDENCE between the Colonial Office and the Government of *Newfoundland* relating to the Levy of CUSTOMS DUTIES on the Coast of *Labrador*, and REPORTS of the Collectors, Judges, or other Officers sent to that Coast last Season.

Despatches from the Governor.

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(No. 35.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir *A. Bannerman*, to His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K. G.
Government House, Newfoundland, 13 June 1862.

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(Received, 8 July 1862.)

(Answered, No. 171, 16 July 1862, page 30.)

My Lord Duke,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that it is the intention of the Government here, after the expiration of the present fishing season, to establish a Court of limited Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction on that part of the coast of *Labrador* which forms a dependency of *Newfoundland*, and to impose the same duties as are levied under the annual Revenue Acts here. Such a Court was in existence five and twenty years ago; it was an expensive one, and fell to the ground in consequence of influences made use of in the House of Assembly.

2. Some of the wealthy houses carrying on business on the coast of *Labrador* protested against levying duties there; but Earl *Russell*, who was then Colonial Minister, informed the Governor here, that as part of the coast of *Labrador* was a dependency of *Newfoundland*, there could be no question as to the legality of levying the same duties there as were levied in *St. John's*.

3. I take the liberty of enclosing a notice, which was given on this subject in the last "Gazette," and also some notice of the object of Mr. *Perley's* visit to *Newfoundland*, to prevent misrepresentations being made here on that subject.

4. I have also the honour to enclose for your Grace's perusal, extracts from a report made to the Governor, by a gentleman sent down to *Labrador* by Admiral *Prescott*, more than 20 years ago, and I believe that the coasts there are much in the same state now as they were then.

5. If your Grace thinks right to express any opinion on the subject, perhaps you will favour me with it; but it is the intention of the Government to carry the proposal into effect next year, after due intimation has been given, unless I shall receive instructions otherwise from your Grace.

I have, &c.

(signed) *A. Bannerman*, Governor.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

EXTRACTS from the "Royal Gazette," Tuesday, 10 June 1862.

Encl. 1, in No. 1.

WE understand that Mr. *Perley*, Esq., British Commissioner under the Reciprocity Treaty, has been instructed by Earl *Russell*, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to proceed to *Newfoundland* and *Labrador*, to determine the boundaries of the mouths of the rivers in this Colony.