

1818, United States fishermen have liberty, in common with Her Majesty's subjects, to take fish of every kind in those waters which are defined in the Treaty, and they have liberty "to dry and cure fish in any of the *unsettled* bays, harbors and creeks on the southern part of Newfoundland and of the coast of Labrador."

Should the American Government therefore agree to make such equivalent concessions as may make it advisable to accord to its citizens the same privileges which are enjoyed by Her Majesty's subjects here, the Fishery Question, in so far as Prince Edward Island is concerned, admits of easy solution; for the Colony is in possession of numerous reserves, abutting on its sea shores, bays, harbors and creeks, where the tides ebb and flow, expressly granted and secured for fishery purposes by His late Majesty King George the Third. With the advice of the Executive, I have forwarded to the Queen's Government a Map delineating the localities of these reserves, distinguishing the tenures by which they are held, and copies of that Map will be laid before you.

I cannot conclude without alluding to the advantages which must accrue to the inhabitants of this Colony from the Electric Telegraph, which, notwithstanding their insular position, will enable them not only to interchange intelligence with their neighbours in the adjoining Provinces, but with the people in the remotest corner of the vast American Continent, in the shortest space of time. Man's intellect, the gift of His Creator, graciously bestowed to carry out His beneficent purposes for the good of the human race, cannot be more wonderfully exemplified than by the discovery that an Electric Cable, "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried," may convey to the shores of Newfoundland, one hundred and forty miles distant, in a very few minutes, the words I am now addressing to you. Such will be the result when this great undertaking is completed; and to the enterprising Gentlemen who have embarked their capital to accomplish it, this Colony is much indebted, and I hope they will meet with that support and success which they so well deserve.

I shall be happy at all times and on all subjects to communicate with you, to expedite public business, and to promote the welfare of the people.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five Members be appointed to provide Stationery for the use of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Whelan, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Davies, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Haviland do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three Members be appointed to receive Tenders for the printing of the Journals of this House, and to report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Haviland and Mr. Clark do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haviland, Mr. Davies, Mr. Yeo, Mr. Longworth, Hon. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Montgomery, do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of six Members be appointed to keep up a good Correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Coles, the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Davies, Hon. Mr. Lord, Mr. Longworth and Hon. Mr. Thornton, do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Coles do carry the said Message to the Council.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five Members be appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, with leave to report from time to time, by Bills or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Whelan, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Haviland, Mr. Longworth and the Hon. Colonial Secretary, do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Mr. Coles have leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act passed in the Fifteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the Encouragement of Education and to raise Funds for that purpose, by imposing an additional Assessment on Land in this Island, and on Real Estate in Charlottetown and Common, and Georgetown and Common."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Longworth, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davies, Hon. Mr. Palmer, Hon. Mr. Thornton and Hon. Mr. Lord, do compose the said Committee.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, the draft of an Address in