

at 19,000 tons; supposing that the same vessels this year fish in our waters, we shall for the paltry sum of \$38,000 allow them to take \$12,000,000 worth of our property. In other words, we levy on our fish, caught and exported by American vessels, a duty of \$1.25 on every £100 worth.

Can it be wondered at that our fishermen starve. Shut out from the markets of the United States, overwhelmed by the numbers and wealth of the foreigners, who monopolize their fishing grounds, seeing year by year fish becoming scarcer, and they themselves becoming poorer and poorer, is it too much to say that ere long their patience will be exhausted, and that they will ask for that protection elsewhere which here alas has never been extended to them.

Verily the people of the New England State are justified in laughing at our folly. For a mess of pottage we consent to sell our birth-right, and allow our neighbors to reap the harvest placed by Providence ripe for the sickle at our doors.