

Inclosure in No. 24.

Extract from the "Projet de Contre-Déclaration."

QUANT à la pêche exclusive sur les côtes de Terre-Neuve qui a été l'objet des nouveaux arrangements dont les deux Souverains sont convenus sur cette matière, elle est suffisamment exprimée par l'Article du Traité de Paix signé ce jourd'hui, et par la Déclaration remise également ce jourd'hui par l'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté Britannique; et Sa Majesté déclare qu'elle est pleinement satisfaite à cet égard.

Pour ce qui est de la pêche entre l'Île de Terre-Neuve et celles de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, elle ne pourra se faire de part et d'autre que jusqu'à mi-canal; et Sa Majesté donnera les ordres les plus précis pour que les pêcheurs François n'outrepassent point cette ligne; Sa Majesté est dans la ferme confiance que le Roi de la Grande-Bretagne donnera de pareils ordres aux pêcheurs Anglois.

No. 25.

Mr. Fox to the Duke of Manchester.

(No. 33.)

(Extract.)

St. James', July 2, 1783.

THE project inclosed in your Grace's despatch No. 16 has had the fullest consideration, and I am happy in having His Majesty's commands to inform you that there appear to be very few difficulties remaining, and those of such a nature as may probably be got over.

The word "exclusive" in the project of the French Counter-Declaration is certainly exceptionable, and cannot, I conceive, be much insisted upon by the French Minister. When we have used the words "par leur concurrence," the use of the word "exclusive" in his answer cannot be material to him, and it is no otherwise objectionable to us than as it might be construed to convey an idea of "exclusive right," which he has uniformly disclaimed. I should hope, therefore, that the omission of this word may be obtained; but if it cannot, your Grace must make another Declaration upon the French Counter-Declaration, protesting that His Majesty does not mean to grant "exclusive" fishery any otherwise than by ordering his subjects not to "molest by concurrence," &c.

No. 26.

The Duke of Manchester to Mr. Fox.—(Received July 17.)

(No. 23.)

(Extract.)

Paris, July 13, 1783.

ON Friday last, according to agreement, I had a conference with the Comtes de Vergennes and D'Aranda, and I have the satisfaction to inform you that the French Minister has been persuaded to omit the word "exclusive" in the "projet" of the French Counter-Declaration, which will render another Declaration from me unnecessary.