

fishermen, is wholly false; that the crews have, to my knowledge, been insulted and abused, must be a gross and wilful perjury; it had always been the custom, I understood, to allow the crews of the vessels detained to take their clothes and such provisions as they pleased, and find their way to the States. I have sometimes offered to carry them back, when I returned to Passamaquoddy: they have invariably been allowed to take away every thing they could claim as their private property, and the whole of their provisions on board their vessel, with which they paid their passage back to their country.

And in the memorial C, it is said, "that the American fishermen have no occasion nor inducement to violate the provisions of the aforesaid convention, nor have they, as we firmly believe, given, in any instance, just cause of complaint."

It is a well known fact, that the American fishermen leave their fishing ground every Saturday (when there is not a man of war or her boats in the neighborhood) and anchor in some of the harbors of the Menan until the Monday, bringing in the fish offal with them, and throwing it overboard on the inner banks, by which they drive the fish off those banks, and they haul their nets during the Sunday, and catch sufficient bait for the ensuing week. This, they suppose is not known: for they are not ignorant that this is a violation of the provisions of the convention; the fact is, they want, by causing much trouble, to deter the man of war, stationed in the Bay of Fundy, from interfering with them at all.

That the brig's barge has come into the wharf at Eastport and taken and carried away two boats laden with flour, Lieut. Driffield's letter on that subject will, I think, completely invalidate that charge.

That the Hero, American fishing vessel, captured on the 16th June, has not been sent in for trial, but is armed, and is still used as a tender to the Dotterel, is entirely false. She was not used by me to annoy a single American vessel; and on her arrival at St. John's, was delivered over to the Collector of the Customs, and ought long ere this, to have been adjudged in the Vice Admiralty Court. "That the officers having charge of the armed boats of the Dotterel, ordered to cruize round Grand Menan and Campo Bello, have written instructions which have been exhibited, to seize and send into St. Andrew's all American fishing vessels found within three marine miles of the said island." My order to the officers of the boats has been, that any American vessels they may find within three marine miles of the shore, except in evident cases of distress, or in want of wood or water, they are to detain and send or carry them to St. Andrews.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

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Commander.