

objections to the policy of the Legislature of New Brunswick in granting bounties on colonial productions, and explaining the difference which was considered to exist in that colony between bounties on colonial productions paid for out of local revenues, and differential duties on foreign trade, he expressed his opinion that the most expedient course, if the Admiralty and the Admiral on the station approved, would be, to allow a trial to be made for one year of the scheme of Captain Robinson, on the understanding that if his plan succeeded and was continued, the local Legislature should abstain from attempting to propose bounties for the fisheries. If, on the other hand, the scheme were to fail, that then Her Majesty's Government should not undertake to furnish vessels, but should leave the local Government to deal with the question of a bounty on the fisheries as they might think fit, Her Majesty's Government continuing to entertain the opinion they have so often expressed, as to the inexpediency and mischief of the system of bounties. Upon this occasion the Lieutenant-Governor observed that it was most essential to prevent a different system with regard to bounties on fisheries in contiguous provinces, and that he made this remark because he believed the Legislature of Nova Scotia had voted a considerable sum of money for the encouragement of its fisheries. He added, that if in the application of this money, anything in the shape of a bounty be given there, whilst the Legislature of New Brunswick was precluded from doing the same, great irritation would be excited.

On referring to the journals of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia it has been ascertained that the impression of the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick is correct, and that on the 20th of March, 1851 a report from a Committee of the House of Assembly on the fisheries was presented to the House, recommending the establishment of an additional armed vessel to keep off intruders, and that encouragement be afforded to persons engaged in the fishing trade. In consequence of this report 500*l.* was, on the 2nd of April following, placed at the Lieutenant-Governor's disposal to employ an additional cruizer, and 2000*l.* to encourage the prosecution of the