

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,*

EDMUND HEAD.

28th February, 1853.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council, copies of correspondence and papers on the subject of the Fisheries. E. H.

## FISHERIES.

Copy—No. 5.

*Downing Street, 22nd January, 1853.*

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 2, of the 1st instant, enclosing an Address to the Queen from the Inhabitants of the City and County of Saint John, on the subject of the Fisheries.

I have laid this Address before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and I am commanded by Her Majesty to acquaint you that the prosperity of the North American Provinces, being one of the main objects which Her Majesty has in view in entering into a Treaty for the adjustment of the Fishery Question, the interests of New Brunswick will not fail to receive careful consideration in any negotiation with the United States.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

Lieutenant Governor Sir Edmund Head, Bart., &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Copy.

*Admiralty, 24th November, 1852.*

MY LORD,—I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the information of Secretary Sir John Pakington, a copy of a letter from Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, dated the 4th instant, No. 185, proposing certain regulations for the future protection of the North American Fisheries.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

AUG. STAFFORD.

Lord Desart, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour to the Secretary of the Admiralty, dated "Cumberland," at Halifax, 4th November, 1852.*

"With regard to the circumstances reported in my letter, No. 177, of the 27th ultimo, the general irregularity of the Nova Scotian vessels, which the Custom Houses have not sufficiently checked, appear to be now acknowledged, as well as the difficulties in which Commander Campbell was placed from those of irregularity.

"I have in consequence conferred with the Lieutenant Governor of this Province on the subject, and have suggested to him that, if the same necessity shall exist next season of protecting the Colonial Fisheries, the task will be much lightened if the fishing vessels of a certain tonnage are numbered, and bear their numbers on the hull and mainsail, like the Pilot vessels in the Channel, which, I think, with the proper enforcement of the Customs Regulations, and more care about granting of British registers, may check the growing disposition to carry on an American trade under British Colors with the assistance of the labouring fishermen, who are indifferent under what flag they serve.

"As Sir Gaspard Le Marchant approves this proposal, I shall communicate it to the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island."

Copy—No. 52.

*Downing Street, 7th December, 1852.*

SIR,—I transmit herewith for your information and guidance an extract of a Despatch from Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, addressed to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, stating the intention of suggesting to the Governors of Her Majesty's North American Colonies the