

withdrew his Confidence; that he did send Orders out not to trust any Man who had a Servant.

The next Clause the Witness objects to is, that any Part of Newfoundland (not in Use) may be used for curing and drying Fish. The Effect it has is this: It takes from the Boat Keeper, who at an Expence of Labour may have cleared away a Place for his Fishery, or may have bought that Place, in case of Accident of Fire with an Inability on his Part immediately to build it again, what he had always looked upon as Property, and which after his Strength would not permit him to carry on that Fishery, if he could not immediately set it out to a Tenant, it became Property to any Person who chuse to occupy it; and it is for the Benefit of the Fishery that the Fishing Rooms should be, what they were always considered to be, Property. There are in every Harbour of the Island of Newfoundland Spots of Ground which are open to any Adventurer who may chuse to build upon them, coming qualified according to Law, and these Places are in general in the best Situations for curing Fish, and were reserved from the Beginning for that Purpose; these Rooms are called Ships Rooms. That he does not know that that Clause has operated to any Degree worth mentioning, which he attributes to the general Odium that would fall on the Man that should avail himself of it.

Mr. JOHN JEFFERY being examined, was asked, Whether he was deputed by the Merchants at Poole to attend your Committee? he said, He was last Year, and it not being since withdrawn, he apprehends he has Power to act from them.—And being asked, Whether the Purport of his Deputation was to give Evidence on the Subject Matter of the Petition presented last Year from Poole? he said, Certainly, yes.—And being asked, Whether the Deputation had been renewed this Year? he said, If it has it is without his Knowledge.—And being asked, Whether he thought that the Trade from this Country to Newfoundland is in a declining State? he said, He does.—And being asked, If he was present when Mr. Newman of Dartmouth was examined upon that Head? he said, He was, the greatest Part of the Time.—And being asked, What were his Reasons for stating the Trade to be on the Decline? Mr. Jeffery produced to your Committee a Paper, and said, It was a Deputation which he received from Poole, March the 7th, and which he understands was drawn up
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