

6 *Report on the Newfoundland Fishery Question.*

Act of Parliament, 28 Geo. III. c. 35	...	...	...	1788.
Expired with Treaty, 1783, which was annulled by war, 1793.				
Treaty of Amiens, Art. 15...	...	...	...	1802.
Merely confirms Treaty of Versailles.				
Definitive Treaty of Peace, Art. 13	...	...	30th May, 1814.	
Confirmed by Art. 11, of the Definitive Treaty of 29th November, 1815.				
Act of Parliament, 5 Geo. IV., c. 51	...	...	...	1821.
Expired 31st December, 1834; see Act 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 79.				
Convention ...	...	...	...	4th April, 1857.
Not confirmed by Local Government of Newfoundland.				
Decree (France) ...	...	...	...	4th April, 1857.
Relates to the above Convention.				
Act of Parliament, G.B. 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 79	...	...	...	1832.
Expired 31st December, 1834.				

So that in the history of British Imperial legislation in connection with France in reference to the Newfoundland fisheries, there are now only in force—

1. Treaty of Utrecht ... 1713.
2. Treaty of Paris ... 1763.
3. Treaty of Versailles ... 1783.
4. Definitive Treaty of Peace, Art. XIII. ... 1814.

and as all these are very brief we propose to give them in their order.

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TREATY OF UTRECHT.

“Treaty of peace and friendship between Great Britain and France, signed at Utrecht, 11th April, 1713.

Extract (Translation).

“XIII.* The Island called Newfoundland, with the adjacent Islands, shall, from this time forward, belong of right wholly to Great Britain; and to that end the town and fortress of Placentia, and whatever other places in the said Island are in the possession of the French, shall be yielded and given up within seven months from the exchange of the ratifications of this Treaty, or sooner if possible, by the most Christian King, to those who have a commission from the Queen of Great Britain for that purpose. *Nor shall the most Christian King, his heirs, and successors, or any of their subjects, at any time hereafter lay*

* Renewed by Art. V. of the Treaty of Paris, 1763.