

Her Majesty's Government regrets to find that your Ministers are not prepared to adopt, as a reasonable basis for negotiations with the French Government, the suggestions contained in the report of the Joint Committee of both Houses; but they regret still more the tone and language of these Resolutions. Her Majesty's Government are prepared to uphold the legitimate rights of British subjects under the Treaty, but your Ministers must be aware that the exact limits of those rights have been in dispute for many years, and a settlement of grave questions of this kind, which is so much to be desired in the interest of all parties, can only be obtained by mutual forbearance and concession, and not by characterising the claims of the French Government as preposterous and untenable, nor by assuming that the construction of the Treaty adopted by the Colonial Government is not open to difference of opinion.

I have, &c.

(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Governor HILL, C.B., &c. &c. &c.

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JOINT ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

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*Wednesday, 24th April, 1872.*

“The Hon. the Premier, from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Assembly appointed to prepare an address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying Her Majesty to cause to be removed the restrictions in connection with the French shore under which this Colony so inconveniently labours, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read as follows:—

*“To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

“We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful servants, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, beg most humbly to approach the foot of the Throne and to state as follows:—

“1. The present relations of British and French subjects resident on that portion of the coast of this Island commonly designated the French shore, are of such a nature as to press injuriously upon the