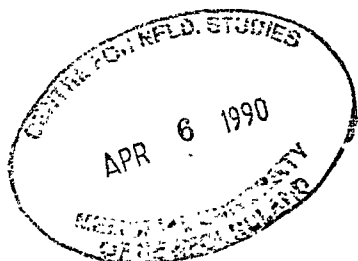
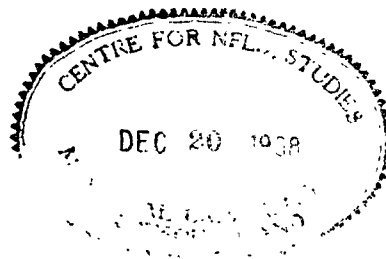
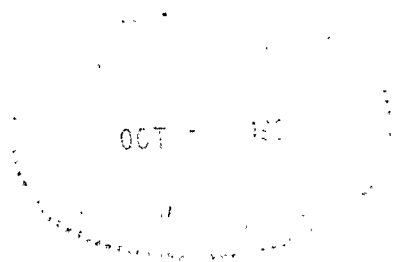


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Lieut.-Gov. of New Brunswick ;
April 27, 1851.



Colonial Office ; May 27, 1851.

Admiralty ; June 30, 1851.

Lieut.-Governor. (Separate and
Confidential) ; April 27, 1851.

Memorandum on the Imposition by Colonial Enactment of Bounties on Local Trade in British North America, and on the question of affording Protection to the Fisher- ies of those Provinces.

ON the 27th April last, Sir E. Head, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, forwarded an Address from both Houses of the Legislature of that Province, on the subject of the want of protection afforded to the local fisheries. The Address represented the importance to the province of this branch of commerce ; the encroachments of the Americans on its fishing grounds ; the heavy protective duty (20 per cent.) imposed by the United States on foreign-caught fish, whereby New Brunswick is excluded from the markets of that country, and requested attention to the recommendation submitted to a Committee of the House of Assembly by Captain Robinson, R.N., that four or five small cutters of the British Navy should be stationed off the coast, instead of the two men-of-war generally cruising there.

This Address was sent to the Admiralty, to know whether Captain Robinson's scheme could be adopted.

The Admiralty answered that they had referred to the Vice-Admiral on the station, whose report has not been received, but that the Board considered that if the proposal were adopted, the service would become one of a local police rather than of Imperial protection, and that the conduct and payment of such service ought to devolve on the Colony.

Simultaneously with the despatch above mentioned, Sir E. Head addressed a separate and confidential despatch to Lord Grey on this subject, in which, after adverting to his Lordship's known