

received with surprise and alarm the *modus vivendi* referred to in the message of His Excellency the Governor, which appears to be concluded by Her Majesty's Government with the Government of France.

"*Resolved*,—That the permission in the *modus vivendi* given to France, to erect factories, is most objectionable, being indicative of an apparent right which really has no existence, and that it is in direct opposition to the position heretofore taken by Her Majesty's Government.

"*Resolved*,—That the Legislative Assembly most emphatically protest against the *modus vivendi*, as being calculated to seriously prejudice British fishing and territorial rights.

"*Resolved*,—That a copy of these resolutions be immediately transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, to be telegraphed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAID.

The information that this *modus vivendi* had been agreed to by the British Government without the consent of the people of Newfoundland, and in face of the strong Address so recently forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, raised a storm of indignation in the minds of the people. On the 18th of March a public meeting of the citizens of Saint John's was held in the Athenæum Hall at which the following resolutions, among others, were passed:—

Resolved,—That the magnitude of the concessions involved in the said *modus vivendi* and the manner in which this arrangement has been effected, imperatively demand the utmost unity of action and the most emphatic declaration of opinion and sentiment on the part of the people of this colony; and we are therefore of opinion that a requisition should be prepared, addressed to the Sheriff of the Central District, asking him to call a mass-meeting of the citizens of St. John's, at an early date, in order to determine the course of action which the exigencies of the case demand.

Resolved,—That a committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary, and the several persons who have spoken to the resolutions adopted at this meeting, be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the said mass meeting, and that the said committee have power to add to their numbers.