

long residents, and most of us born here; that our forefathers and ourselves have fished the brooks, rivers and coasts, in many instances, seventy years; that of late years French subjects have violently dispossessed us of the most valuable brooks and rivers; that as British subjects we have a *concurrent right* to the Cod Fishery (as by Treaty) with French and American subjects, from which the French now exclude us.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House to take our case into your favourable consideration, and represent the hardships and grievances we endure, to the Imperial Government, as we cannot believe that Great Britain will allow *her* subjects to be deprived of the Salmon Fisheries, hitherto used by them, or the *joint* use of the Cod Fishery with French and American subjects, as reserved to them by Treaty.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM GENGE.
ABRAHAM GENGE.

[And 43 others.]

A P P E N D I X, No. 9.

PETITION

Of Messrs. Brooking, for a reduction of the Light Dues on large Steam Vessels entering the Port of St. John's, &c.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COUNCIL OF NEWFOUNDLAND IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENED.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE UNDERSIGNED,

Humbly Sheweth,—

That your Memorialists are Agents to the Canada Steam Navigation Company, and that since the 25th of June last the ships "Lady Eglinton," "Sarah Sands," and "Cleopatra"—three of the said Company's Steam vessels—put into this port for a supply of coals and provisions, and that the sum of Sixpence sterling d Ton was paid to the Collector of the Colonial Revenue at this port, for Light Dues exacted from the said vessels, under the provisions of the Act 15 Victoria, cap. 3, and amounting in the aggregate to £53 10s. 6d. sterling. We beg respectfully to draw the attention of your Honourable House to the very heavy charge in this manner imposed on such vessels, and which, we assure your Honourable House, tends to discourage the desire the said Company have to make this a Port of Call for their Steamers.

Your Memorialists humbly pray your Honourable House will be pleased to take this matter into your consideration, and to cause to be refunded such a proportion of the aforesaid sum of £53 10s. 6d., Sterling, as in the wisdom of your Honourable House the case may seem to demand.