

demand that the Anglo-American combination shall remove their submarine cable connections with Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, or forego exclusive monopoly rights over the shores of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, said rights having already been proved by practical science to be of little and fast diminishing commercial value. Such power, we maintain, is at our command, and if a strictly legal course was pursued, we can compel the relinquishment of such exclusive rights and privileges, for, be it remembered, that the Anglo-American combination cannot land their cables elsewhere, in consequence of the enactment which prevented the second French company landing their cable upon the shores of Massachusetts until they signed an express proviso in unision with our own Act of 1875. To such an assumption of power we have hitherto been met with the threat that the whole civilized community would denounce an arbitrary proceeding, which might, for a time at least, deprive the world of all transatlantic communication; and, moreover, that it would be an act of in-