

## SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

Season, continue so to Occupy and Employ any part of the said Beach and Shore and Wood-Lands so allotted to him, you or any person authorized by you as above may and shall allow the Use of such part to any other Fisherman who shall apply for the same, for the purpose of carrying on the Fishery—

And whereas it may be necessary to Establish local Regulations to prevent Abuses as well as disputes and Misunderstanding between the Fishermen resorting to the said Beach or Shore, It is Our Will and Pleasure that you by and with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, do frame such Regulations as to you shall appear necessary to Answer those Salutary purposes, and transmit the same to Us thro' One of Our principal Secretaries of State for Our pleasure therein by the first Opportunity.<sup>1</sup>

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HALDIMAND TO NORTH.<sup>2</sup>

*Private*

QUEBEC October 24<sup>th</sup> 1783

My Lord

relating to  
the neigh-  
bouring  
States.  
Vermont  
State.

their Quarrel  
with the  
State of N.  
York

In Addition to the Public Letters which I have had the Honor to write relative to the State of this Province, I have to acquaint you in a private Letter, of Some things which concerns the States adjoining to it. I have nothing new to Communicate with Regard to our Indian Allies. Since the Provisional Treaty has been Made public, several Persons of influence in the State of Vermont have been here at different times, they all agree in describing these People as very Averse to Congress and its Measures, they now insist that in Case Congress should admit their Claim to be the 14<sup>th</sup> State, upon an exemption from any part of the debts contracted previous to their Admission, as having never been represented in Congress, they could not be bound by it's Acts ; They Seem to have an entire Confidence that in Case Congress Should think of reducing them by Force, the Neighbouring States of New England could never be prevailed upon to assist in the attempt, for which reason they make no Scruple of Setting the State of New York & its Claims of Jurisdiction over them at defiance. They give great encouragement to the Royalists from the Neighbouring Provinces to Settle amongst

<sup>1</sup> The first Ordinance passed relating to these fisheries was that of 28 Geo. III., cap. 6, "For regulating the Fisheries in the River St. Lawrence in the Bays of Gaspé and Chaleurs, on the island of Bonaventure and the opposite shore of Percé." Ordinances Made and passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, 1795, p. 153. also, Ordinances, 1763-91, p. 216.

<sup>2</sup> Canadian Archives, Haldimand Papers, B 56, p. 149. The first portion of this despatch relates to the extensive negotiations, both before and after the Treaty of 1783, between Haldimand and a section of the people of Vermont, chiefly through the agency of Ethan Allen and a few others. Lord North, to whom this despatch is addressed, held office as one of the Secretaries of State from April 2nd, to Dec. 23rd, 1783.