

amongst other things Provided, That no person should Plant or inhabit within six miles of the Sea Shore between the Capes de Race and Bonavista.

- Commission.** After the death of Marquis Hamilton and other proprietors, the pretended Council of State did in 1650 give a Commission to John Treworgey, Merch<sup>t</sup> who was then upon the place to order affairs there for the best advantage of the State, which Commission was also renewed in 1653.
- Commission.** Sr David Kirk in the year 1635, obtain'd a Commission from the late Usurper wherein John Claypole Esq<sup>r</sup> John Goffe &c. were joyn'd with him, but little or nothing was acted thereupon.
- Restitution of Avalon.** In the Year 1660 the Lord Baltamore who had been formerly dispossess by Sr David Kirk and others of the Province of Avalon petitioned His Ma<sup>tie</sup> for restitution and obtain'd Orders to that effect.
- Fishery.** The Harbors and fishing places of Newfoundland did at first lye open to all Nations who indifferently fished there, though under some restriction of Laws which they agreed upon among themselves, but the English have severall times challenged a Sovereign Right by impositions and certain Rules of Religion in acknowledgment of the Crown of England.
- Abuses.** In process of time the Fishery became liable to severall abuses, as appears first by an Act of Parliament of the second of Edward the Sixth against the Exaction of licences. And in the Year 1615, Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Whitburn was sent to Newfoundland with a Commission out of the High Court of Admiralty authorizing him to Empanel Jurys, and to make enquiries upon Oath of sundry abuses and disorders committed amongst fishermen yearly upon that Coast.
- Regulation.** At length the Starr Chamber on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1633 by petition and complaint of the Merchants and Owners of Ships in the West of England, was induced to issue out an Order for the Regulation of this Trade whereby it is provided That
- Rules.**
1. If a man kill another or steale to the value of 40s. hee shall be brought prisoner to England, and the Earl Marshall shall take cognizance of the cause, and if it be prov'd by two witnesses the delinquent shall suffer death.
  2. That no Ballast be thrown out to the prejudice of the Harbour.
  3. That no person deface or spoil any Stage, Cookroom &c
  4. That such a ship as first entreth a Harbor shall be Admiral.
  5. That no person deface or alter the marks of any boats to defraud the Owners of them.
  6. That no person steal any fish, train, or salt, or other provision belonging to the fishing ships.
  7. That no person sett fire to the woods, or rinde the trees except for Cookrooms.