

## FISHERIES: CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

*Protocols signed at Washington February 15, 1888*

*Entered into force February 15, 1888*

*Expired February 15, 1890*

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### BRITISH PROTOCOL

The Treaty having been signed<sup>1</sup> the British Plenipotentiaries desire to state that they have been considering the position which will be created by the immediate commencement of the fishing season before the Treaty can possibly be ratified by the Senate of the United States, by the Parliament of Canada, and the Legislature of Newfoundland.

In the absence of such ratification the old conditions which have given rise to so much friction and irritation might be revived, and might interfere with the unprejudiced consideration of the Treaty by the legislative bodies concerned.

Under these circumstances, and with the further object of affording evidence of their anxious desire to promote good feeling and to remove all possible subjects of controversy, the British Plenipotentiaries are ready to make the following temporary arrangements for a period not exceeding two years, in order to afford a "*modus vivendi*" pending the ratification of the Treaty.

1. For a period not exceeding two years from the present date, the privilege of entering the bays and harbors of the Atlantic coasts of Canada and of Newfoundland shall be granted to United States fishing vessels by annual Licenses at a fee of \$1½ per ton—for the following purposes:

The purchase of bait, ice, seines, lines, and all other supplies and outfits.  
Transshipment of catch and shipping of crews.

2. If during the continuance of this arrangement, the United States should remove the duties on fish, fish oil, whale and seal oil (and their coverings, packages, &c.,) the said licenses shall be issued free of charge.

3. United States fishing vessels entering the bays and harbors of the Atlantic coasts of Canada or of Newfoundland for any of the four purposes

<sup>1</sup> A treaty (S. Conf. Ex. M., 50th Cong., 1st sess.) concerning interpretation of art. I of convention of Oct. 20, 1818 (TS 112, *ante*, p. 57), was signed at Washington Feb. 15, 1888, approved by Canada May 4, 1888, and by Newfoundland May 9, 1888, but rejected by the Senate Aug. 21, 1888.