

By Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the High Court of Admiralty of England dated at London the Twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven William Carter Esquire was appointed Commissary and Judge of the Instance Court of Vice Admiralty of Newfoundland

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S. Johns Newfoundland 17 Sep. 1787.

This day William Carter Esquire sworn into the office of Commissary and Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty of this Island before me.
J. Elliot

In the case of a Bankrupts estate the Sheriffs usual charge is on Sale of property five p cent for the first Hundred Pounds and two shal p cent for the remainder - when the Sheriff draws bills for Servants wages it has been usual to charge five p cent

Jam. Mord Ober Sheriff
H. Phillips Sheriff

Oct. 1. 1805

Thomas Fremlett Esquire
Chief Justice,

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To the Right Honorable the Lords of a Committee of His Majestys most Honorable Privy Council, appointed to consider of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations,

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships command, we have considered the case of Mrs. Abigail Harris to us referred, & are of opinion that it is not competent to her, being an Inhabitant of the United States of America, to hold Possession of any Fishing Room or other conveniences for Fishing on the Island of Newfoundland. For our opinion concerning the Nature of the Property of these Fishing Rooms, we beg leave to refer to your Lordships to an opinion given by us together with Mr. Schuyler, to your Lordships on the 27th March 1786, and from the nature of that Petition we conceive that she has no right to sell her former Fishing Rooms, which are occupied by British subjects in the Fishery, we desire to be understood as having given this opinion without in any measure touching upon a Question of great Importance, namely how far Americans who, after the United States were by His Majesty declared Independent chose to swear allegiance to those States, are capable of retaining real Estates in His Majestys Dominions, or if not of selling the same to a British Subject. And which is humbly submitted to your Lordships consideration.

R. P. Arden
A. Macdonald

June 17. 1788