

To his Excellency John Campbell Esq.  
Governor of Newfoundland &c &c.

The petition of Matthew Dwyer most humbly  
sheweth

That your petitioner hath cleared  
and begun to build a Fishing-Room at the  
Head of Capling-Bay in the District of  
Newfoundland which Spot of Ground never was  
cleared or occupied by any person whatsoever  
its situation being Eighty Yards South-West  
from the Pond in Length and Eighty Yards  
North-West in Breadth with a flake over  
the Pond

Your Petitioner most humbly  
prays your Excellency will secure by a  
patent the possession of the said premises  
to himself and heirs, and your petitioner as  
in duty bound will ever pray. —

These Certifie that the spot of ground  
Matthew Norry now occupieth in Captling  
Bay for the Fishery appears by the ancient  
Inhabitants testimony never to have been  
occupied before by any Fishing Ships  
Boatmen or Inhabitants since their Re-  
-membrance nor hath it been occupied  
since mine now Forty Two Years but  
cut and cleared from the Woods by the  
petitioner who hath this Year Two Buggs  
a Shallop and a Staff on the Fishery. The  
benefit of Air that attends the Ship-Rover  
from this spot being cleared in the manner  
aforesaid is very great. In testimony to  
which I have set my hand in Holywell

8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1784

Robert Carter Justice Peace

I do hereby strictly forbid any person or  
persons whatsoever, interrupting the within  
mentioned Matthew Norry in the quiet  
and peaceable possession of the within men-  
-tioned premises so long as he shall continue  
to occupy the same for the use of the  
Fishery

Saml Johns 15<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1784

By Command of the Governor

A. Graham.