

he shall receive from such Inspector of fish and oil, with respect to any fish or oil by him inspected, and not by the person or persons employing such Cooper, nor by the person or persons to whom such fish or oil may appertain, nor by any person or persons whomsoever.

Fees of Inspectors of Fish & Oil.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Inspectors aforesaid, shall, after the passing of this Act, be entitled to demand and have, respectively, for their attendance at the packing and screwing every hogshead or other cask of dried cod-fish and for branding the same, the sum of four-pence currency, in lieu of three-pence allowed by the above recited Act ; and for inspecting and branding each and every cask of oil containing twenty-eight gallons, one shilling ; and for inspecting and branding each and every tierce of oil, one shilling and one-penny, currency ; and for inspecting and branding each and every hogshead of oil, one shilling and three-pence, currency ; and for inspecting and branding each and every puncheon of oil, one shilling and six-pence, currency, in lieu of one shilling allowed by the above-recited Act.

Continuance of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and no longer.

#### C A P. XXIV.

An Act to extend the provisions of two Acts therein-mentioned, for the summary trial of Small Causes, to the Inferior District of Saint Francis, and to confirm certain judgements and proceedings of the Commissioners therein.

(9th March, 1824.)

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen by reason of an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, intituled, " An Act to erect certain Townships therein-mentioned into an Inferior District, to be called the Inferior District of Saint Francis, and to establish Courts of Judicature therein," whether the Commissioners appointed for the summary trial of certain small causes in the Townships included in the said Inferior District could or can legally proceed, since the passing of the aforesaid Act, in the exercise and performance of their respective duties and functions, as such Commissioners as aforesaid ;

said; and whether other Commissioners can hereafter be appointed for the like purposes within the said Townships. And whereas it is necessary to render legal and valid all proceedings and acts had and done by the Commissioners heretofore appointed for the purposes aforesaid, within the said Townships, in their aforesaid capacities, since the passing of the said Act; and it is also expedient to provide for the summary trial of small causes, in future, in the said Inferior District, in the same manner as is practised in other parts of this Province;— Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America,*" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,"— And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all and every the provisions, clauses, matters and things, mentioned and contained in an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the summary trial of certain small causes in the Country Parishes in this Province," as the same are amended by a certain other Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the summary trial of certain small causes in the Country Parishes in this Province," shall be, and they are hereby declared to be extended to and in force in the Townships and Places included within the said Inferior District of Saint Francis, from henceforth until the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and no longer.

Act 1. Geo. 4. cap. 2. as amended by Act 2 Geo. 4. cap. 3. extended to the Townships & places included in the District of St. Francis.

Judgements and proceedings rendered since 27d March 1824, valid in Law.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all Judgements, Acts, or other proceedings whatever, rendered, made, had or done, since the twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, by any Commissioner or Commissioners, appointed under the two last-mentioned Acts, or either of them, for the summary trial of small causes, within any of the Townships or Places lying within the said Inferior District of Saint Francis, in the execution *bonâ fide* of the authority and trust reposed in him or them as such Commissioner or Commissioners, shall be, and shall be held, deemed, taken and adjudged to be good, valid and effectual in Law, to all effects and purposes soever; as if the Commissions under which the said

said Commissioners shall respectively in such cases have acted, had been and remained in full force and virtue when the said Judgements, Acts or other proceedings were rendered, had or made, any objection, by reason of the cessation or determination of the powers or authorities of the said Commissioners to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nothing in this Act contained to annul any judgements rendered other than the certain powers by reason of the passing of Acts, Geo. 4 cap. 11.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to avoid or annul any objection made or to be made to the Judgements, Acts, or other proceedings of the said Commissioners, any insufficiency, irregularity, defect or matter of Law whatsoever, other than the cessation or determination of their respective powers and authorities, by reason of the passing of the said Act, intituled, "An Act to erect certain Townships therein-mentioned, into an Inferior District, to be called the Inferior District of Saint Francis, and to establish Courts of Judicature therein."

#### CAP. XXV.

An Act to promote the progress of useful Arts in this Province.

(9th March, 1824.)

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient for the encouragement of Genius and of Arts in this Province, to secure an exclusive right to the Inventor of any new and useful Art, Machine, Manufacture or Composition of Matter;—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America,*" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that when any subject of His Majesty, being an inhabitant of this Province, shall allege that he has invented any new and useful Art, Machine, Manufacture or Composition of Matter, not known or used before the application, and shall present a Petition to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, signifying a desire of obtaining an exclusive property in the same, and praying, that a Patent

Meaner of acquiring an exclusive privilege for the discovery of any useful art.