

Form of the Oath.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That to entitle any owner or occupier of Land to the foregoing Bounties, the following Oath shall be taken by him or some other person acquainted with the fact :

“ I, A B, do Swear, that            Bushels of            , were really and truly raised on the Lands occupied by            , and the said            are wholly of the crop of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight ; and that the wood from the Lands on which the said            were raised, was actually cut down, cleared and burnt off, since the first day of November, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six.”

Justices to hold a Session for determining all Claims for Bounties.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in the several Counties and Districts in this Province, to hold a Session, either special or by adjournment, in the respective Counties or Districts, between the first and fifteenth days of February, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine, giving three weeks public notice of such meeting, for the purpose of determining all Claims for Bounties, granted by this Act ; and that on the Oath herein before recited, and such further reasonable proof as such Justices may require, they shall determine on such Claims, and shall certify in one general schedule all such Claims as they allow for each County or District.

Governor empowered to draw Warrants on the Treasury for the amount of Claims.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by Warrant, on the Treasury, for the amount of each of such schedules, in favor of such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Justices of each County or District, for receiving and distributing the same.

Persons appointed to distribute Claims, allowed 1s. in the pound.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That such person or persons, shall pay, without delay, the amount of all Claims allowed, when demanded, retaining one shilling in the pound Commission, for receiving and paying such amount.

No claim to be allowed that has not been preferred to the Sessions.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That no claim for any Bounty under this Act, shall be admitted, which has not been preferred and allowed at the Session to be held as herein before directed.

CAP. IV.

An ACT to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the want of a regular importation of Salt, frequently causes that article to become scarce and dear, and occasions an interruption to the fisheries, and at other times the market being overstocked, the importers suffer a loss, and are discouraged from continuing their importations :

Bounty to increase the price of Fine Salt, 15s. and coarse Salt 25s per Hog-head.

I *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That, whenever, during the year One thousand eight hundred and seven, any Salt shall be imported into this Province from Europe, Africa, or the West-Indies, and the price on the sale thereof at Auction, from the Ship, in manner herein after-mentioned, shall not amount to the average sum or rate of fifteen shillings Currency. per Hoghead, of common fine Salt, and Twenty-five shillings Currency, per Hoghead, of coarse grained fishery Salt, the owner, importer, or consignee, of such Salt, shall be entitled to claim, and receive such bounty thereon, as, in addition to the average price for which such Salt shall have been sold, shall amount to the afore-said price per Hoghead of Fifteen Shillings, for fine, and Twenty-five Shillings, for coarse Salt. *Provided always*, That no bounty so to be paid to any such owner, importer, or consignee, shall, in any case, exceed the rate of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Hoghead, on common fine, or Five Shillings per Hoghead, on coarse-grained fishery Salt.

Not to exceed 25s. 6d. per Hog-head for Fine, and Five Shillings for coarse Salt.

II. *And be it further enacted;* That when any Ship or Vessel, laden wholly, or in part, with Salt, shall arrive at any port or place of discharge in this Province, and the owner, importer, or consignee, shall be desirous to make sale thereof, and shall not be able to procure the prices herein before mentioned, for the same, and shall intend to claim the bounty granted by this Act, such owner, importer, or consignee, shall forthwith advertize the whole, or such part of said Salt, for which he intends to claim a bounty, for sale at Public Auction, out of the Ship, and shall sell the same in Lots, of not more than Ten hogheads in a Lot.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That no person shall be entitled to claim for any Salt to be sold, pursuant to the directions of this Act, at any out port in this Province, any greater or higher bounty, than if the said Salt had been sold at the Port of Halifax; and all claims for any greater or higher bounty, shall be reduced and computed according to the average sales of Salt at the same time by Auction, in the Port of Halifax; and if no such sale shall have taken place there, at that time, then according to the average price of Salt sold by Auction, at Halifax, last before the date of the Sale, for which, such bounty shall be claimed.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That before any bounty shall be paid, on any Salt so sold as aforesaid, the person entitled to claim such bounty, shall procure from the Auctioneer, by whom such Salt shall have been sold, an Account of Sales, specifying the several lots, and parcels, the names of the purchasers, the quality or kind, and the prices of Salt, of the respective quantities so sold, to which account, the Auctioneer shall annex and subscribe a Certificate, that such Sale was made by him, and was a true and fair Sale of the quantities of Salt, and for the prices in such Account specified; and that the same were the highest prices which could be procured at such Auction; and all salt, so sold, shall be measured out of the ship by a sworn Measurer, whose Certificates of such admeasurements, to the respective purchasers thereof, shall also be annexed to the Account of Sales aforesaid; and the said Vouchers shall be lodged in the Office of the Secretary of the Province, to be produced thereafter, to the General Assembly, if required; and thereupon it shall, and may be lawful, for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the Province in favor of the said owner, importer, or consignee, of said Salt, for the amount of the Bounty he may be entitled to receive, in manner herein before mentioned and limited.

*Provided always,* That the whole amount of the Bounties to be claimed, and paid, under and by virtue of this Act, shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Pounds currency, and all such claims shall be paid according to the priority of the dates of importation, sale, and application, for the Bounty, to the extent, if claimed as aforesaid, of One Thousand Pounds, and no further.

*And be it further enacted,* That if any part of the sum of One Thousand Pounds should remain in the Treasury at the end of the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven, the Balance shall be applied as a Bounty on Salt imported and sold, during the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, in the same manner as herein specified.

Importer of Salt, intending to claim the Bounty, if he cannot procure the Prices stated, shall sell by Auction in Lots of 10 Hhds. Persons importing in the Out-Ports, cannot claim higher Bounty than if sold in Halifax. Claims to be computed by average Sales in Halifax. Persons claiming Bounties, to produce Auctioneer's Account of Sales, names of purchasers, and quality of Salt.

Certificate of Auctioneer, that Sale was fair, &c. and to prices sold. Measurer's Certificate required.

The above Certificates and Vouchers to be lodged in the Secretary's Office, to be produced to General Assembly.

Governor to draw Warrants on Treasurer for the Bounty.

Amount of Bounties claimed, not to exceed 1000l. Claims to be paid according to priority of the dates of importation, sale and application.

If any part of the 1000l. remain in Treasury at the end of the year, to be applied in same manner in 1808.

## CAP. V.

An ACT for granting a Bounty on Dry Cod and Scale Fish, exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies, and Plantations in the West-Indies.

**B**E it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That every exporter of Fish to the West-Indies, shall be entitled to a bounty of One Shilling and Six-pence, on every

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