

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Eighteenth day of November, 1806, in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the Firth Session of the Ninth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.*

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

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

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 hogshead, of common fine salt, and twenty-five shillings currency, per hogshead, 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 aforesaid price per hogshead 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 hogshead, on common fine, or five shillings per hogshead, on coarse-grained fishery 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 advertise 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 hogsheads 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.

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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 favour 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.