

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Eleventh day of February, 1819, in the Fifty-Ninth 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. &c. being the First Session of the Eleventh General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

Whereas, the bounty granted the last session of the general assembly, on the scale and cod fisheries, has been found to be very beneficial:—

I. Be it therefore enacted, that from and after the publication of this act, there shall be granted and paid to the persons, inhabitants of this province, who shall catch and cure cod and scale fish in boats, and other vessels, wholly owned by the inhabitants thereof, during the present year, until the first day of December next, the following bounties, that is to say:—on every quintal of merchantable cod fish, fit for the European market, one shilling and six pence per quintal; and upon all other cod and scale fish, fit for the West-India market, one shilling per quintal;—upon certificates to be granted and procured in the same manner, and under the same regulations, provisions and restrictions, except as herein altered, as required in and by an act, passed in the last session of the general assembly, entitled, “An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.”

II. And be it further enacted, that the commissioners shall be appointed and sworn in the same manner, and perform the same duties, and for the same allowance, as required and directed by the said last mentioned act; and the culler or cullers, instead of the oath prescribed by the said act, shall take and subscribe the following affidavit:—I, A. B. do swear, that I did, on the ____ day of ____ inspect the (cod or scale fish, as the case may be,) of ____ landed and stored ____ and did see the whole of the said fish weighed, and that the quantity of said fish, so inspected by me and weighed in my presence, amounts to ____ quintals of fish, cured and fit for the European market, and ____ quintals of fish, cured and fit for the West-India market (as the case may be,) so help me God. And the person or persons who shall have caught and cured the said fish, shall, instead of the affidavit prescribed by the said act, take and subscribe the following affidavit:—I, A. B. do swear, that the ____ of ____ fish for which I now require a certificate, were actually and bona fide caught by me and my crew, between the ____ day of ____ and the ____ day of ____ and cured at ____ and I do swear, that the said ____ fish were caught in the boat or vessel belonging to ____ being an inhabitant or inhabitants of this province, actually dwelling at ____ and that such person or persons have actually resided in this province for the space of six months next before the passing of the act, made in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty’s reign, entitled, “An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province;” and I do further swear, that no certificate has been before

granted by any commissioner, nor any bounty paid or received, for all or any part of the said fish. So help me God.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that the sum to be expended in bounties by virtue of this act, shall, on no account, exceed the sum of three thousand five hundred pounds; and provided, that, after the payment of the certificates that shall be returned in the first abstract of the commissioners, there shall not remain in the treasury, of the monies voted and appropriated for the encouragement of the fisheries, sufficient to pay the certificates included in the second abstract of the commissioners at the rate of the bounty granted by this act, it shall then be lawful for the treasurer of the province to divide the remaining sum among the several holders of such certificates according to the quantities and qualities of the fish included in their respective certificates.