

An Ordinance for the benefit of the
Fishing on the Coasts of the Island of Cape
Breton and Its Dependencies.

Whereas it is apprehended that
the Scarcity of Fish during these last three
Years back on the Banks near the Shores of this
Island and Its Dependencies may be
occasioned by Fishermen throwing into the
Sea the Offal of the Fish they Kill, for
remedy whereof

Be it Ordained by the Lieutenant
Governor Council, That from and after
the Publication hereof - if any Fisherman
in any Vessel, Bark or Boat shall
Presume to throw into the Sea within
three Leagues of any of the Shores of this
Island or Its Dependencies, any Heads,
Bones or other Offal of the Fish they
may take - the Master of each Fishing
Vessel

Veget, Bark or Root shall upon any
Conviction thereof by the Oath of one
Credible Witness before any one of His
Majesty's Justices of the Peace or by the View
of the said Justice. Pay for each and every
such Offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

And it is further Ordained
that all Penalties incurred and arising
th^{er}of shall be applied, One moiety
to the Person who shall inform and Surfeiter
same, the other Moiety to be paid into
His Majesty's Treasury for the use of His
Government, the same to be levied by
Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods
and Chattels together with the Charges
of such Distress and Sale rendering
the surplus (if any be) to the owner or
owners thereof. — Provided

Nevertheless

Nevertheless that nothing in this Ordinance shall extend to the debarring any Fisherman in Boats who Split and drop their Fish on Shore from throwing the Offal of their Fish into what is called the Landwash.

Approved, Ordained and Ordered accordingly in Council this 15th Day of February 1787. in the 27th Year of His Majesty's reign.

J. W. B. M.

Passed in Council
this 16th Feb^y 1787.

Signed Alex^r. Baird.
Geo. Rodgers.
Ranna Esq^r.
Geo. Moore.