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 His Majesty's
 High Court of Justice
 in Great Britain

An Ordinance to prevent
 Nuisances by Hedges Weirs and other
 Incumbrances obstructing the Passage
 of Fish in the Rivers in this
 Government.

Whereas the Erecting or setting of
 Hedges. Weirs. Fishgarths or other Incumbrances
 or placing Sams or Nets across any River to
 Stop, obstruct, or straten the Natural course and
 passage of Fish in their Seasons for Spawning
 must be very detrimental and may entirely
 destroy the Salmon, Bas. Shad Alewife and
 Gaspero Fishery, which the New Settlers in general
 depend on in a great measure for their Subsistence
 Therefore in Order to preserve that Valuable
 support to the Inhabitants of this Government

Be it Ordained and Ordered by
 His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by
 and with the Advice and consent of His
 Majesty's Council, and it is hereby Ordained
 and Ordered by the Authority of the same, That
 the Justices in their first General Quarter
 Sessions held in each District Annually shall
 and are hereby empowered and directed to

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make Rules and Orders for the Regulation of the River Fishery in their respective Districts as they from time to time shall find necessary for the preservation thereof.

And it is hereby

further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid. That if any Person or Persons shall presume to erect or set up any Hedge Near Fishgath or other Incumbrance or place any Seine or Seines across any River in this Government contrary to the Rules and Regulations so made on and Established by the Justices in their said General Quarter Sessions Annually. Such Person or Persons shall upon due conviction thereof forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty pounds One half of which shall be for the Person who shall inform and prosecute for the same and the other half shall be for the Public Uses of this Government, to be recovered by Action Bill Plaintiff or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Government.

And be it also Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid. That the said Justices in their Sessions as aforesaid shall and may appoint two or more fit Persons to be Overseers of the River Fishery

Fishery who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and who shall have power and Authority to remove any Net Hedge, Wear Fishgasth, Seine or other Incumbrance, That shall be found in any River contrary to the Regulations made by the said Justices,

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Net or Seine shall be found in any River contrary to the Regulations so made by the said Justices, and no owner appearing to claim the same in Ten days after Public Notice shall have been given thereof the said Net or Seine shall together with the Fish found therein be forfeited and sold to satisfy the Penalty aforesaid, And the overplus if any shall be applied to the use of the Poor of the District where the Offence shall be committed,

And Whereas from the Infant State of the Settlements on the North West side of this Island, it has hitherto been found impracticable to constitute Courts of General Quarter Sessions in that District, And Whereas the Salmon Fishery is chiefly carried on in the Rivers of such District and more especially so

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in the River called Magpie or Salmon River
And Whereas the Inhabitants residing on and
near the said River have represented that
unless some immediate remedy is provided
the Salmon Fishery in the said River will in
all probability in a short time be totally
destroyed by the means that are pursued by
some of the Fishermen in obstructing the Passage
of the Fish at the Mouth of the said River

Be it therefore further Ordained
and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid, That
in all such Districts where Courts of General
Quarter Sessions have not been as yet established
It shall and may be Lawful for the Inhabitants
of their respective Settlements in such Districts
to meet at the most convenient and Public
Place in their respective Settlements as soon
as possible after the Publication hereof, which
said Inhabitants or the Majority of them when
so met together as aforesaid shall and are
hereby respectively empowered and directed to
make such Rules and Orders for the Regulation
of the River fishery in their respective settle-
ments, as they shall find necessary for the
preservation thereof, And any Person or Persons
who shall presume to act contrary to the
Rules

Rules and Regulations so fixed on and
 Established by the said Inhabitants or the
 Majority of them such Person or Persons shall
 upon due Conviction thereof be liable and
 subject to the same Penalties and to be recovered
 and applied in the same manner as is herein
 before mentioned and directed in Cases where
 the said Orders and Regulations are fixed on
 and Established by the Justices at the
 General Quarter Sessions.

And it is hereby
 further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority
 aforesaid, That the Inhabitants or the Majority
 of them who reside in any such Settlement in
 any District in which no Court of General
 Quarter Sessions has as yet been Established
 shall and they are hereby Authorized and
 empowered to meet Annually on the first
 Monday in May at some convenient and
 Public place in such Settlement untill a
 Court of General Quarter Sessions shall be
 Established for such District, And then
 and there to fix on and Establish, such
 Rules and Orders for the Regulation of the
 River fishery in their respective Settlements
 as the Justices are herein before Authorized
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and empowered to fix on and Establish at the
General Quarter Sessions and such others as they
from time to time shall find Necessary for the
preservation thereof which said Rules and Orders
shall here by declared to be of the same force
and Effect to all intents and purposes as if the
same had been fixed on and Established by the
Justices at the General Quarter Sessions

Provided That nothing in this
Ordinance contained shall extend or be
construed to extend to any such Rivers to which
Fish do not resort in the seasons for Spawning

Ordained and Ordered

Accordingly in Council
the Tenth day of June in
the Thirty Third Year of
His Majesty's Reign

Passed in Council
the 10th June 1793

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By Command of His Excellency

J. M. Gordon Secy