

by them distributed to those of the Scholars in the several Schools, who shall excel in each of the several branches of Orthography, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, at the examination of such Schools: *Provided nevertheless*, that no reward shall be distributed to any Scholar who cannot repeat by heart the Creed, the LORD'S Prayer, and the ten Commandments.

XI. *And be it further enacted*, That at the several Schools so to be established as aforesaid, when the same shall be provided for and supported by assessment upon the inhabitants, the Scholars shall be taught free from all expence whatsoever, other than their own Books and Stationary, and individual proportion of Fuel. When Schools are supported by assessment, Scholars to be taught free of expence, except for Books &c.

XII. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees so as aforesaid to be appointed in the several Towns or Parishes shall annually account to, and with the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in each County respectively, for all monies by them received, disbursed and distributed to and for the use of their respective Schools, and shall be subject to such rules and orders as the said Court shall from time to time make, touching the funds of the said several Schools, or the application thereof. Trustees to account annually to the Sessions.

XIII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall remain and be in force for four years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly. Limitation.

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CAP. XXIV.

An Act further to continue an Act, entitled " An Act  
" for regulating, laying out and repairing High-  
" ways and Roads, and for appointing Commissio-  
" ners and Surveyors of Highways within the seve-  
" ral Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Passed the 16th of March, 1816.

**B**E it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the fiftieth year of His MAJESTY'S Reign, entitled " An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province" be further continued, and the same is hereby continued for two years, and until the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly. Continued for two years.

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CAP. XXV.

An Act further to continue an Act, entitled " An Act  
" to provide for the more effectually repairing the  
" Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St.  
" John." Passed the 16th of March, 1816.

**B**E it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the fiftieth year of His MAJESTY'S Reign, entitled " An Act to provide for the more effectually  
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“ factually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and “ County of St. John” be, and the same is hereby further continued for the term of two years, and to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. XXVI.

An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province.  
Passed the 16th of March, 1816.

**W**HEREAS it is deemed expedient to encourage the Cod Fisheries of this Province, by giving a Bounty upon the owners of vessels, which shall be employed in the same, upon the Coasts thereof and of the neighbouring Provinces.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly,* That all vessels of thirty tons and upwards, registered in this Province, and wholly owned by persons residing in the same, which shall be employed and engaged in the Cod Fisheries upon any part of the Coasts of this Province, or of the Province of Nova-Scotia, or of the Island of Cape Breton, or in any part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or upon the Labradore Coast, or in any Bay or Harbor, within any of the same places, or upon the Banks of Newfoundland, for the space of four complete Calendar months, between the first day of April and the first day of December, in any year during the continuance of this Act, or which shall be so employed for the space of three complete Calendar months between the days before specified, and which shall within that time make a complete fare of Cod or scale Fish, at and after the rate of ten quintals for each and every Ton of each and every such Vessel, shall be entitled to receive a bounty at and after the rate of *twenty shillings* per ton, according to the Registered Tonnage thereof, to be paid out of the Province Treasury to the owner or owners of every such Vessel, by warrant of the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, to be issued by and with the advice of His MAJESTY'S Council: *Provided always,* that the sum to be paid in any one year for such bounties shall not exceed the sum of *three thousands pounds*: *Provided also,* that all Vessels so to be employed in the Cod Fisheries as aforesaid, shall at the time of clearing out at the Custom-House, be fully provided with Salt, Stores and equipments necessary for carrying on the said Fisheries, that the Master and owner of such Vessel, shall declare it to be his or their intention to prosecute such Fisheries with effect.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That before any warrant shall issue for the bounty herein-before given, and granted proof shall be made to the satisfaction of the said Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, and His MAJESTY'S Council by affidavit of the Master or person acting as such, and the men or the major part of them belonging to the Vessel claiming such bounty made before one of His MAJESTY'S Justices of the Peace, that the same Vessel has been actually employed and engaged in the said Fisheries for such length of time as to entitle her to the said bounty, under and by virtue of this Act, which affidavit shall be accompanied by a certifi-

Preamble.

Bounty granted on vessels owned in the Province, and employed in the Fisheries.

Bounty to be paid to the owner by warrant.

Bounty in one year not to exceed £3000.

Vessels to be provided with Salt and other necessaries.

Declaration to be made by the Master.

Before the issuing of a warrant for Bounty, proof to be made that the vessel has been actually employed in the Fisheries as required by this Act.