

“ 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.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to encourage the Cod Fisheries of this Province, by giving a Bounty to 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.

cate of such Justice, that he verily believes the facts stated in such affidavit are true: *Provided always*, that in cases where ^{if fraud suspected, further proof may be required.} there shall be any reasonable ground to suspect fraud in any application for the said bounty, other proof may be required for the removal of such suspicion.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall be guilty of false swearing in any affidavit so made before any one of His MAJESTY'S Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, such person or persons so offending, shall upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court or any Court of Oyer and Terminer or Goal Delivery, be liable to suffer the pains and penalties by Law inflicted for wilful and corrupt perjury. ^{False swearing made perjury.}

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be in force ^{Limitation.} for two years and until the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. XXVII.

An Act to erect into a separate Parish all the Lands in Queen's County, in the rear of the Parishes of Wickham and Waterborough.

Passed the 16th of March, 1816.

I. **B**E it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, ^{Parish to be called Brunswick.} That all that Tract of Land in Queen's County, situate in the rear of the Towns or Parishes of Wickham and Waterborough, be one distinct Town or Parish, distinguished by the name of the Town or Parish of Brunswick.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County shall and may have power to appoint annually from time to time, officers for the said Town or Parish of Brunswick, in the same manner as for the other Towns or Parishes within the said County, and also that the said Justices ^{Justices empowered to appoint Parish officers.} may at a special Session for that purpose to be holden, have ^{Justices may appoint officers for the present year, at a special Session.} power and authority to appoint such officers for the present year, which officers shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties respectively, and be liable to the like penalty for not accepting of their respective offices, or neglecting or refusing to perform the duties of their several offices as any other Town or Parish Officers within the said County.

AND WHEREAS the boundary lines of the said County have not yet been run out, and doubts may exist whether the whole ^{Inhabitants of New-Canan to be considered as belonging to the Parish of Brunswick.} of the inhabitants forming the settlement commonly called the New-Canan settlement, will be within the limits of the above named Town or Parish of Brunswick---for removal whereof,

III. *Be it further enacted*, That until the said boundary lines shall be run out by some person duly authorized for that purpose, the whole of the said inhabitants forming the said settlement, shall be deemed and taken to belong to the said Town or Parish of Brunswick, any thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.