

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1818. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1818.

58 George III – Chapter 7

An Act for the preservation of Oysters in the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland. Passed the 11th March, 1818.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That no Vessel of any kind whatsoever, open boats and canoes excepted, shall at any time, anchor on any of the beds of Oysters, in any bay or Harbour within the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland, nor shall any person whatever, ground any Vessel on any Oyster Bed, within any of said Bays or Harbours, for the purpose of taking Oysters, except open Boats and Canoes, and if any person or persons whosoever shall anchor any Vessel as foresaid, or shall ground any Vessel on such Oyster Bed, for the purpose of taking Oysters, every person so offending, shall incur the penalty of sixty shillings for every offence.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every person or persons taking Oysters in the winter season through the Ice, by Tongs, or otherwise, shall immediately convey and return all Shells, Stones or Rubbish they may rake or take up, into the water, and not suffer the same to remain on the Ice, and if any person or persons shall not convey and return into the water, such Shells, Stones or Rubbish, within the space of two hours, every person so neglecting, shall for every offence, incur the penalty of twenty shillings.

III. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid penalties and every of them, shall and may be sued for, in an action or actions of debt, in a summary way, before any Justice of the Peace, in the said Counties, respectively where the offence shall be committed, and when recovered, one half of such penalty, shall be to the use of the person suing and prosecuting for the same, and the other half, to the use of the Poor of the Parish, where the offence may be committed, and paid over accordingly.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force five years and to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer.