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**An Act to encourage the destruction of Bears in this Province. Passed 8th June, 1865.**

Section.

1. Bounty.
2. Warrants to issue to Clerks of the Peace; amount.
3. Persons claiming Bounty to produce skin; oath to be taken; before whom.

Section.

4. On presentation of Affidavit and Certificate, Clerk to pay Bounty.
5. Clerk to make annual return under oath.
6. Clerks Peace when deemed debtors to the Province.
7. Limit of Act.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That from and after the passing of this Act, a reward of fifteen shillings shall be paid to any inhabitant or inhabitants of this Province, for each and every Bear such inhabitant or inhabitants shall kill or destroy within the limits of the same.
2. It shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on application by any of the several Clerks of the Peace of the respective Counties in this Province, to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the Province, directing him, or any of his Deputies, to pay over to such Clerk of the Peace, out of any moneys in the hands of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, such sum of money not exceeding ten pounds at any one time, as to His Excellency in Council may seem meet, to be applied by such Clerk of the Peace and accounted for by him in manner hereinafter provided.
3. To entitle any person or persons to the reward of fifteen shillings for killing a Bear, as mentioned in the first Section of this Act, he or they shall bring the skin of the Bear for the killing of which the bounty is claimed, to any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing in the vicinity, or near to the place where the said Bear has been killed, and shall take and subscribe the oath in the Schedule to this Act marked (A), which oath such Justice is authorized and required to administer without fee; and the said Justice is also authorized and required to cut off the nose of the Bear so killed, from the skin so produced before him, and burn or destroy the same; and the said Justice shall also certify under his hand at the foot or end of such affidavit, in the form in the Schedule to this Act marked (B), that he believes the statement made in the said affidavit to be true and that he has cut off and destroyed the said nose so produced, and shall then deliver the said affidavit and certificate to the deponent or deponents.
4. It shall and may be lawful for the several Clerks of the Peace in their respective Counties, and they are hereby required on presentation of any such affidavit or affidavits, with certificate or certificates as aforesaid, to any of them respectively, forthwith and without any fee, reward,

deduction, or abatement whatsoever, to pay over to the deponent or deponents, or his or their order, out of the moneys in the hands of the said Clerks of the Peace, by virtue of the Warrant in the second Section of this Act mentioned, the sum of fifteen shillings for each and every Bear so proved to have been killed as aforesaid; for which the said deponent or deponents, or person receiving the same, shall thereupon give the Clerk of the Peace paying the same a receipt or acquittance.

5. It shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Clerks of the Peace, who may make application for and receive a Warrant or Warrants on the Treasury under the provisions of this Act, and they are hereby required on or before the first day of November in each and every year, to make up and transmit to the Office of the Secretary of the Province a statement in writing, signed by such Clerk of the Peace, and sworn to before any Justice of the Peace of this Province, who is hereby authorized to administer such oath, crediting the Province with the amount of moneys by him received by virtue of any such Warrant, and specifying by name the several parties to whom he may have paid bounties during the preceding year, and the amount paid to each, accompanied with the vouchers and receipts for the same; which schedule, vouchers, and receipts, shall be laid before the House of Assembly at its then next sitting.

6. That immediately on the receipt of the moneys in the Warrant or Warrants in their favour respectively specified, the said Clerks of the Peace shall be and be deemed and taken to be debtors to the Province in the amount of the same respectively, subject nevertheless to the provisions of this Act.

7. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Schedule A.

Oath.

I (or we) do swear that I (or we) did on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ kill, (or assist to kill) a Bear, at [describe the place as near as may be], in the Province of New Brunswick, and that the skin now produced by me is the skin (or skins) of the Bear (or Bears) so killed, for which the bounty granted by Law is claimed, and that no other person has received the bounty for the same.

AB.

[Signature of Claimant]

Sworn to at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ before me,

C. D., J.P.

(B)

Certificate.

I hereby certify that I believe the facts stated in the above Affidavit to be true, and that I have cut off the nose (or noses) of the Bear (or Bears) so killed, and have destroyed the same.

C. D., J. P.