

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1840.

3 Victoria – Chapter 5

An Act to encourage the Whale Fishery in this Colony. (Passed 29th April, 1840.)

Whereas it is expedient to make provision to encourage the Whale Fishery in this Colony:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, and by authority of the same, that from and out of such Monies as shall be and remain in the hands of the Treasurer of this Island, and unappropriated, there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery, in manner hereinafter provided: that is to say—To each of the Three Vessels, of not less burthen than One Hundred Tons each, Register Tonnage, which shall, between the First day of May and the Tenth day of November, which will be in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one, have landed in this Colony the largest quantity of Whale Oil or Blubber, being the produce of Whales killed and taken by the Crews of such Vessels respectively, a Bounty of Two Hundred Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, that no Vessel shall be entitled to such Bounty unless she shall be owned and fitted out by some Person or Persons resident in, or having an established trade in this Colony, and be regularly cleared at the Custom House for the Whale Fishery; nor unless such Vessel shall have landed Ten Tuns of Whale Oil, or Fifteen Tuns of Whale Fat or Blubber.

III. And be it further enacted, that, for the purposes of this Act, Thirty Hundred Weight of Whale Fat or Blubber shall be equivalent to One Tun of Whale Oil.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the Bounties hereby provided shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Colony, under the Warrant of the Governor or Person administering the Government for the time being, to the Person or Persons who shall on or before the first day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, have produced satisfactory proofs to the Governor in Council that the Vessels fitted out by him or them are entitled to the three several Bounties herein provided or granted;— Provided nevertheless, that no person or Copartnership shall be entitled to more than one of the said Bounties.