

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1843.

6 Victoria – Chapter 15

**An Act to provide for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery in this Colony. (Passed 22nd May, 1843.)**

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the Encouragement of the Whale Fishery in this Colony:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in General Assembly convened, That from and out of such Monies as shall from time to time remain in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer unappropriated, there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, annually, for the period hereinafter prescribed for the duration of this Act, the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated to the Encouragement of the Whale Fishery, in the manner hereafter provided, that is to say, to each of the Three Vessels of not less burthen than Ninety Tons each, new measurement, registered tonnage, which shall, between the first day of May and the tenth day of December in each year, 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, and unless such Vessel shall have landed Ten Tons of Whale Oil or Fifteen Tons 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 Ton 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 Administrator of the Government for the time being, to the person or persons who shall, on or before the Tenth day of December in each year, have produced satisfactory proof to the Governor in Council, that the Vessels fitted out by him or them are entitled to the three several Bounties herein provided and granted: Provided nevertheless, that no person or partnership shall be entitled to more than one of the said Bounties.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for the period of Three Years.