

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 9

**An Act to amend the law now in force for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery of this Colony.
(Passed 23rd April, 1845.)**

Whereas it is expedient to amend the law now in force for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery of this Colony.

- I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to provide for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery of this Colony,” shall be and the same is hereby repealed.
- II. And be it further enacted, 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 continuance of this Act, the sum of Six Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated towards the encouragement of the Whale Fishery, in manner following, that is to say:—the sum of Two Hundred Pounds to each of such two vessels, of the registered burthen of Ninety Tons or upwards, and the sum of One Hundred Pounds to each of such two vessels of the registered burthen of Forty Tons or upwards to Ninety Tons,—as shall respectively, 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.
- III. 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 and having an established trade in this Colony, and be regularly cleared at the Custom House for the Whale Fishery,—and unless such Vessel, being of Ninety Tons and upwards, shall have landed Ten Tons of Whale Oil or Fifteen Tons of Whale-Fat or Blubber,—or being of Forty Tons, and under Ninety Tons, shall have landed Seven Tons of Whale Oil or Ten tons of Whale Fat or Blubber.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that for the purposes of this Act, Thirty Cwt. of Whale Fat or Blubber shall be equivalent to One Ton of Whale Oil.
- V. 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 Vessel or Vessels fitted out by him or them are entitled to the Bounty herein granted. Provided nevertheless, that no person or partnership shall be entitled to more than one of the said Bounties.
- VI. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall continue in force for One Year, and thence to the end of the then next Session of the Legislature.