

intended to be exported from the Town of Saint John's, who, before they enter on the Duties of their Office, shall give Bonds, with three sufficient Sureties, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the penal Sum of Three Hundred Pounds sterling each, for the faithful discharge of their duty, and shall be sworn faithfully to perform the same; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor, or Person administering the Government for the time being, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint competent and skillful Persons as Inspectors of Pickled Fish in every Harbour or Sea-port in this Colony where the same shall be applied for, to Pack such Pickled Fish for exportation; who shall give a like Security in the penal Sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling each, and shall likewise be sworn to the faithful discharge of his or their duty as such Inspectors of Pickled Fish.

Quantity of Fish each Cask shall contain.

III.—*And be it further enacted*, that each Tierce of Pickled Fish shall contain Three Hundred Pounds of Fish; each Barrel, Two Hundred Pounds; and each Half-barrel, One Hundred Pounds weight, respectively, at the least, over and above the quantity of Salt and Pickle necessary to preserve the said respective quantities of Fish.

Dimensions of Casks

IV.—*And be it further enacted*, that every Cask intended to contain Pickled Fish shall, under a Penalty not to exceed *Five Shillings*, to be paid by the Owner or Owners of such Fish, be made of Wood, of the following dimensions, that is to say—the Tierce shall be made of Staves cut not more than Thirty Inches in length, and of Heading cut to the diameter of Twenty Inches, and to be Twenty-three Inches clear in the bilge when finished; the Barrel shall be made of Staves cut not more than Twenty-seven Inches in length, and of Heading cut to the diameter of not more than Sixteen and One-quarter Inches, and not exceeding Nineteen and One-half Inches clear in the bilge; the Half-barrel, of Staves cut Twenty-two Inches in length, and the Tierces in like proportion.

Proportion of Salt.

V.—*And be it further enacted*, that every Barrel of Pickled Fish Inspected under this Act shall contain, besides the weight of Fish required as aforesaid, at least Five Gallons of Coarse Foreign Salt, or other Salt suitable therefor, being clean and good; and the Half-barrel and Tierce shall contain the like proportion thereof.

Manner in which Fish shall be Pickled and Packed.

VI.—*And be it further enacted*, that all the Inspected Pickled Fish, whether Salmon, Mackerel, or Herring, and whether split or otherwise, shall be Fish well Struck or Salted in the first instance with Salt or Pickle, and preserved sweet, and free from rust, taint, or damage; and shall be Packed with suitable Salt for their preservation, and in such Tierces, Barrels, and Half-barrels, and containing the respective quantities aforesaid; and each Cask shall be filled with Fish of one and the same kind and quality, and be properly Packed and Headed up with the proper number of Hoops thereon; and shall be filled up with a clean strong Pickle, sufficiently heavy to float a Fish of the kind Packed; and before the Fish are Packed in the Barrel they shall be carefully sorted and classed according to their respective numbers and quality, and shall then be carefully weighed, and on each layer of Fish, as Packed in the Barrel, the Salt shall be regularly placed to the extent in all of the quantity hereby required for the Casks respectively.

Qualities of Fish to be numbered.

VII.—*And be it further enacted*, that there shall be three numbers or qualities of Salmon or Mackerel, and two numbers or qualities of