

And whereas, in the curing of Cod fish, Ling, and Hake, considerable Quantities of Salt are necessarily thrown over them, when shipped, to preserve them from spoiling, and a great Part thereof falls off in unloading the Vessel, and it hath been too common a Practice for the Owner or Master of the Vessel, and People belonging thereto, to collect such loose and foul Salt together, and clandestinely convey it on Shore, and sell it at an under Price, whereby His Majesty's Revenue has been considerably injured; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Master of every Vessel laden with Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake, either coming from Newfoundland, the North Seas, or Iceland, or the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, or the Coast of Labrador, into any Port or Place in Great Britain, shall, and is hereby required to throw, or cause to be thrown, overboard, and destroyed, all the Salt that shall so fall off, or be in the Vessel, at the Time of the unloading or landing of all or any Part of her Cargo, in the Presence of an Officer for the Duties on Salt; and if the Master of such Vessel shall neglect or refuse so to do, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Salt Officer on Board, by himself, or with such Assistance as may be necessary, to throw all and every Part thereof overboard, or otherwise destroy the same, and the Master, for such Neglect or Refusal, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and Costs; and if any such Salt shall be landed or run on Shore, the same, and every Part thereof, shall be forfeited, and Treble the Value thereof; and all and every Person and Persons in whose Custody the same shall be found, and all and every Person and Persons who is, are, or shall be aiding or assisting in the Landing or Running thereof, shall forfeit the like Sum of Twenty Pounds, and Costs; One Moiety of all which Forfeitures shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Officer or Officers who shall seize, prosecute, or inform for the same; to be recovered and levied in such Manner and Form, and with such Power of Mitigation, as any Fine, Forfeiture,

The Master of every Vessel with Fish coming from Newfoundland, &c. to destroy all the foul Salt on board, in the Presence of a Salt Officer.

Penalty on Refusal or Neglect 20 £.

Persons in whose Custody such Salt is found, &c. to forfeit 20 £.

Forfeitures how to be applied.