

ABSTRACT.

Man; and be of the Burthen of Fifty Tons or upwards, and navigated with not less than fifteen Men each, three-fourths of whom, besides the Master, shall be His Majesty's Subjects; and in other respects qualified, and subject to the same Rules and Restrictions as are described by an Act, made in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of the late King *William the Third*, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Trade to Newfoundland*; and shall be fitted and cleared out from some Port in *Great Britain* after the said First Day of *January*, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and after that Day in each succeeding Year, and shall proceed to the Banks of *Newfoundland*; and having caught a Cargo of Fish upon those Banks, consisting of not less than Ten Thousand Fish by Tale, shall land the same at One of the Ports on the Southern or Eastern Side of the Island of *Newfoundland* between *Cape Ray* and *Cape de Grat*, on or before the Fifteenth Day of *July* in each Year; and shall make One more Trip at least to the said Banks, and return with another Cargo of Fish caught there to the same Port; in which Case, the Twenty-five Vessels first arriving at the said Island of *Newfoundland*, from the Banks thereof, with a Cargo of Fish caught there, consisting of Ten Thousand Fish by Tale at the least, and after landing the same at One

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dulgence, contrary to the direct letter of the law, was neither modest nor sincere, but appears to have been intended to prevent any opposition from the merchants.

With respect to the Bounties, they have never, except in one or two instances, been claimed; after which they were given up, as impracticable as well as insignificant. The greatest sum allowed does not exceed FORTY POUNDS; to obtain which, it is enjoined among other things, that the vessels must be navigated by fifteen men, which are three more than are ever employed even in the largest vessels, consequently the wages and maintenance of these extra men would almost amount to the whole Bounty, as will appear by the following estimate:

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| Wages for three additional men, at 7 <i>l.</i> each | <i>l.</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
| for the season, - - | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Provisions for three men from 1 st May to the end of Sept. in all 153 days, at 6 <i>d.</i> per diem each, - | 11 | 9 | 6 |

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And after having incurred this expence, they are not certain of success: But waving these objections