

tant Purposes, and with a View, in the first Place, to induce His Majesty's Subjects to proceed early from the Ports of Great Britain to the Banks of Newfoundland, and thereby to prosecute the Fishery on the said Banks to the greatest Advantage, may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, the respective Bounties herein-after mentioned shall be paid and allowed annually, for Eleven Years, for a certain Number of Ships or Vessels employed in the British Fishery on the Banks of Newfoundland, under the Limitations and Restrictions herein-after expressed; that is to say, Such Vessels shall appear by their Register to be British built, and owned by His Majesty's Subjects residing in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, or 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 catched a Cargo of Fish upon these 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 catched there to the same Port; in which Case, the Twenty-five Vessels first arriving at the said Island of Newfoundland

After Jan. 1, 1776, Bounties to be given to Vessels fitted out from Great Britain or Ireland for the Newfoundland Fishery.

qualified as by Act 10 & 11 Gul. III.