

Islands that lie higher up than the New Mission in the said River, which empties itself into Chaleurs Bay within this Province, and on the Island of Bonaventure, for the purpose of salting, drying and curing their fish, and they may cut down wood and trees there, for building, making, mending, or repairing stages, flakes, hurdles, huts or cook-rooms, and other things that may be necessary for curing and preparing their fish for exportation, and all other things that may be useful to their fishing-trade, without any hindrance or interruption, denial or disturbance from any person or persons whatsoever.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the commander of every ship or vessel fitted out from Great-Britain or the dominions thereunto belonging, and entering into any creek or harbour, may reserve to himself so much beach or flakes, or both, as are needful for the number of boats he shall there use, provided they are unoccupied by any other person, or are not in this and the preceding cases private property by grant from his Majesty, or by grant before the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall after the publication of this ordinance, rind any trees standing or growing on the said beach reserved for the use of the fishery, nor in the woods adjacent, nor set fire to the woods, or do or cause to be done any damage to the same, for any use whatsoever, except only for necessary fuel; and for building and repairing huts, stages, flakes and other things necessary for carrying on their fishery; and no person or persons whatsoever, shall cast anchor or do any thing to annoy or hinder the hauling of seines in the accustomed baiting places, or in places where salmon are or may be caught, or shoot, his, her or their seine or seines within or upon the seine or seines of any other person whatsoever; and also, that no person or persons shall steal, purloin or take out of the net or nets of any other person, nor steal, purloin or take away any bait out of any fishing-boat, or steal salmon out of any net belonging to any other person, under the penalty of five pounds.

IV. And be it further enacted, that no ballast or any thing else hurtful to any of the harbours in the extent of coast mentioned in this ordinance, shall be thrown out of any vessel or otherwise by any person whatsoever, but that all ballast or other things shall be carried on shore, and laid where they may do no annoyance, under the penalty of five pounds. And no fisherman or other person shall throw any fish-guts, offals or gurry overboard out of any vessel or boat within the distance of two leagues of the shore or Inlands within this Province, under the penalty of five pounds.

V. And be it further enacted, that in case any difference or controversy shall arise between the masters of fishing ships, shalloops, boats, or other vessels for and concerning the right and property of fishing rooms, stages, flakes, or any other conveniency or building, for carrying on their fishery, or for curing their fish between Cape Cat and the Rapids in the River of Ristigouche aforesaid, in the Bay of Chaleurs, at Percé and on the Island of Bonaventure as aforesaid, the said differences, disputes and controversies, shall be heard, adjudged and determined by any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the district, and in case any of the parties shall think himself agrieved by such determination or judgment, an appeal shall lie before the Lieutenant-governor of the district, or Judge of the Common Pleas for the same, as may be most convenient for the person appealing from the said judgment, who are hereby authorized finally to determine the same; provided the effects, rights or property so decided, does not exceed the value of fifty pounds sterling, in which case, an

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