

comers may likewise Choose his or their Place or Places of his or their abode there; And in Case any Difference shall arise touching the said Matters, the Admirals of the respective Harbours where such Differences shall arise, or any Two of them, shall proportion the Place to the several Ships, in the several Harbours they Fish in, according to the Number of Boats which each of the said Ships shall keep.

And Whereas several Inhabitants in Newfoundland, and other Persons, have, since the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty five, Ingrossed and Detained in their own Hands, and for their own private Benefit, several Stages, Cook-Rooms, Beches and other Places in the said Harbours and Creeks (which before that time belonged to Fishing Ships) for taking of Bait, and Fishing and Curing their Fish, to the great prejudice of the Fishing Ships that arrive there in the Fishing Season, and sometimes to the overthrow of some of their Voyages, and to the great discouragement of the Traders there: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every such Person and Persons, as since the said Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty five, have or hath Taken, Seized or Detained, any such Stage, Cook-Room, Bech or other Place, for taking Bait, or Fishing, or for the Drying, Curing