

All his Majesty's subjects shall enjoy the liberty of taking bait, and of fishing, and of going on shore in any part of the District of Gaspé, and the Counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland, for the purpose of curing their fish, &c.

Proviso.

and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *"An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America;"* and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that all and every His Majesty's Subjects, shall peaceably have, use and enjoy the freedom of taking bait, and of fishing in any River, Creek, Harbour or Road, with liberty to go on shore on any part within the Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the County of Cornwallis, and in such part of the County of Northumberland as lies to the Eastward of Cape Tourmente, for the purpose of salting, curing and drying their Fish; to cut wood for making and repairing stages, flakes, hurdles, cook-rooms, and other purposes necessary for preparing their Fish for exportation, or that may be useful to their fishing trade, without hindrance, interruption, denial or molestation from any person or persons whomsoever. Provided such River, Creek, Harbour or Road, or the land upon which such wood may be cut, doth not lie within the bounds of any private property, by grant from His Majesty, or other title proceeding from such grant by His Majesty, or by grant made prior to the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty, or held under and by virtue of any Location Certificate, or Title derived from any such Location Certificate, or in virtue of any title derived under any Act of the Legislature of this Province.

Masters of vessels from Great Britain or Ireland, &c. and all other British subjects, may take possession of so much of the unoccupied parts of the beach in the aforesaid district and counties, as may be necessary for curing their fish for exportation.

Provided that the same be not private property.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Master or Commander of any Vessel fitted out from the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, or the Dominions thereunto belonging, as well as all other Subjects of His Majesty, may take possession of so much of the unoccupied beach, within the aforesaid Inferior District of Gaspé, and in the County of Cornwallis, and in such parts of the County of Northumberland as lies to the Eastward of Cape Tourmente, as may be necessary for curing his Fish, and preparing it for exportation; and to retain and enjoy the same, so long as he shall not leave it unoccupied for the space of twelve calendar months; in which case it shall be lawful for any other person or persons to take possession thereof, in part or the whole, for the same purposes, and on the same condition. Provided that such beach be not private property, by grant from His Majesty, or other title proceeding therefrom, or by grant prior to the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty, or held under and by virtue of any Location Certificate or Title derived therefrom,