

House of Sessions

Harbor Grace



ANNO QUARTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

(2ND SESSION.)

CAP. II.

An ACT to regulate the Cutting of Channels in the Ice, in the various Ports and Harbors of this Island.

[12th June, 1834.]

WHEREAS great inconvenience and delay and many disputes have arisen in the various Harbours in this Island out of which the Seal Fishery is carried on, for want of useful and proper regulations for Cutting Channels through the Ice, to enable Vessels to proceed on the Sealing voyage at the proper season; and it is deemed expedient to remedy the same: *Be it therefore enacted*, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Colonial Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that for the purpose of effecting such useful and proper regulations for the Cutting of Channels through the Ice, it shall and may be lawful for the Owners, Masters, and Agents of the Owners of all Sealing Vessels, or a majority of them, in each and every Port and Harbour of this Island respectively where such Vessels shall fit out, on due notice being given by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the time and place of meeting, and which notice the said Justice or Justices shall, upon requisition to him or them in writing for that purpose, signed by any Three or more owners of Sealing Vessels, cause to be given and published, to meet at such time and place; and then and there for the said Owners, Masters and Agents of the Owners of such Sealing Vessels to choose from among themselves, by ballot, a Committee, which Committee shall be called and known by the name of the "Ice Committee," and such Committee, or a majority thereof, shall appoint a Chairman and Treasurer, and shall and may, and they are hereby authorized to frame, make and adopt Rules and Regulations for the Cutting of a Channel or Channels through the Ice, and for carrying into effect the general object and purposes of this Act at such respective Port or Harbour; all which Rules and Regulations being first duly published, shall have full force and effect for one year, and shall be as binding on all Persons affected thereby, as though the same were especially enacted herein: *Provided always*, that in every Port or Harbour where no Justice of the Peace may reside, it shall and may be lawful for any Sheriff's Officer, or for any Three Owners or Agents of Owners of Sealing Vessels to convene a meeting as aforesaid.

Preamble.

Owners &c. of Sealing Vessels to meet on notice by a Justice of the Peace;

and choose a Committee, who shall make regulations for Cutting Channels through the Ice.

—which regulations shall be in force for one year.

Where no Justice of the Peace, a Meeting to be convened by any Sheriff's Officer.

II.—*And be it further enacted*, that such Committee so to be chosen as aforesaid in each Port or Harbour respectively, shall serve until