

sailors, artificers and others employed in carrying on the fishery from Newfoundland to any part of the continent of America, as passengers, without permission from the governor. British seamen, or fishermen employed in the fishery, who shall desert or agree to desert from Newfoundland to go to a foreign state, shall be committed, and on conviction imprisoned, not exceeding three months, or else sent back to the country to which they belong, if they came from his Majesty's European dominions: and, if not, they shall be imprisoned not exceeding twelve months.

§ 4. Persons who since 1685 have taken or detained any stage, cook room, beech or other places for taking bait or fishing, or for the drying, curing, or husbanding of fish, are to relinquish the same to the public use of the fishing ships arriving there: and no fisherman or inhabitant, or any other person, may take up or possess any such stages, &c. before the arrival of the fishing ships from British Europe, nor until they are provided with stages, &c. By-boat keepers are not to meddle with any house, stage, &c. belonging to fishing ships. Every master of a *by-boat* shall carry at least two *fresh* men; and every master of a *fishing* ship shall carry at least one fresh man in every five