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*For the better regulation of the
Fisheries in the Inferior District
of Gaspé.*

WHEREAS the Fisheries, in the Inferior District of Gaspé, are of great importance to the trade of this Province; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council 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, between Cape Chat, on the South side of the river St. Lawrence, and the first rapid of the river Ristigouche, within the said District, and on the island of Bonaventure, opposite to Percé, for the purpose of salting, curing, and drying their fish; to cut wood for making and repairing stages, stakes, 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, in virtue of any title derived under any Act of the Legislature of this Province.