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An Act for taking away the public Use of certain Ships Rooms in the Town of Saint John, in the Island of Newfoundland; and for inflituting Surrogate Courts on the Coaft of Labrador, and in cer-[31ft May 1811.] tain Islands adjacent thereto.

HEREAS certain Spaces of Ground in the Town of Saint John's, in the Island of Newfoundland, called Ships Rooms, are liable, according to the ancient Cuftom there used, and conformably with the Provisions of an Act passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of His Majefty King William the Third, intituled, An Act to encourage the 10 & 11 W.3. Trade to Newfoundland, to be claimed by the Masters of fishing Ships, c. 25. for the Use of their Ships and Boats during the current fishing Season, which faid Spaces of Ground have not of late been employed for the Purposes of the Fishery: And whereas it would be more beneficial to the general Interests of the Trade and Fishery, if the faid Spaces of Ground were wholly exempted from fuch Claim, and were let out for building Dwelling Houfes and Store Houfes, and for other Ufes necessary to the Trade and Fifhery: And whereas it has been proved, upon the Survey of Perfons refident in the Town of Saint John's, and well skilled in the Affairs of the Fishery, that there is Land at the Western Extremity of the Harbour better fuited for drying, curing, and hulbanding of Fish than any of the Ships Rooms above mentioned; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majelty, by and with the Advice and Confent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this prefent Parliament affembled,

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