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BILL

To encourage the exportation of Fish from this Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the advancement of the Commerce of this Province, and for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the same, to grant a Premium, for a limited time, upon fish exported therefrom—May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it 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 out of the unappropriated monies that now are or that hereafter may come into the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province, for the time being, under and in virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature, of this Province, there shall be advanced, given and paid by a Warrant or Warrants under the hand of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province, for the time being, upon the exportation of Fish of the description hereinafter-mentioned, from any Port or place in this Province, to any Port or place in the West-Indies, South-America or Europe, that is to say; for each and every quintal of Merchantable or Madeira Dried Cod-fish, duly culled, at the rate of _____ shillings, currency, per quintal, for each and every quintal of Dry Cod-fish, of the second quality, commonly called *West India* Fish, at the rate of _____ shillings, currency, per quintal, for each and every tierce of Salmon _____ currency; for each and every half tierce of Salmon _____ currency; for each and every barrel of Salmon _____ currency; for each and every half barrel of Salmon _____ currency; and for each and every barrel of all other kinds of Pickled or Salted Fish _____ currency; and for each and every half barrel of Fish as last aforesaid _____ currency; which Premiums shall be paid to the Owner or Exporter or Owners or Exporters, resident and domiciliated in this Province, or having an establishment and carrying on business or Trade therein, he or they or his or their Clerk or Clerks, or Agent, making it appear, on oath, to the satisfaction of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Quebec, or to his Deputy, subject nevertheless to the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province, for the time being, that the Fish for which a Premium may be claimed under and in virtue of this Act, have really and *bonâ fide* been shipped and exported from this Province, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, and that the person or persons claiming such pre-

Seems to be a bill in regard to fish
passed in 1774

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