

The Sixteenth Section, That all Fish and Oil taken shall be liable to the Payment of Wages of Seamen and Fishermen. He wishes to observe, That in very many Instances the Employers have been and are always subject to great Impositions and Losses by the Negligence and wilful bad Behaviour of the Servant, and so as sufficient Fish is caught to pay those Wages, the Employer is liable to a Want of the full Performance of the Servant to such Duty.

The Seventeenth Section, For laying a Penalty on Seamen or Fishermen absenting themselves from their Employers without Leave. That at a hurried Season of the Fishery a single Day's Absence from One of the Fishermen may keep the Boat or Vessel from going at all to Sea, and that the Two Days Pay for such Neglect is by no Means a Compensation for the Loss of Duty that the Employer may incur.

The Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Sections, That the Duties on Goods exported or imported into Newfoundland shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of the Customs in England; and that Deputations granted by Commissioners for North America, before January the 1st 1776, to any Officers for Newfoundland, to be in Force. He does not see any good Reason, or of Service to the Revenue of this Country, by the Establishment of a Custom House there; but that if it is thought necessary for a Custom House to be established, let the present high Fees now demanded and paid be taken off; and if it should be adjudged, that to prevent Fraud, or any Sort of illicit Trade, or for any Public Good whatever, so as that we are not at the Expence of paying such exorbitant Fees, the Trade will be perfectly satisfied: It was in the Year 1764 that a Custom House was established on the Island of Newfoundland, when only the Payment of Two Shillings and Six Pence for every Fishing Ship, duly and properly qualified, going from Great Britain or Ireland, was demanded or paid, and this was confirmed by the Statute of the 15th of George the Third, Sections 7 and 8; and he submits to Consideration, in any new Regulations that may now be made, whether any more than that Fee was at that Time intended to be demanded for such qualified Fishing Ship, or if it is a Claim legal to the present Day; and that though such Fishing Ships may carry Goods, Provisions, Clothing, and Implements for the Fishery, in their Voyage out to Newfoundland, that such Ships may still be deemed Fishing Ships, and not subject to any other Fee. He conceives the perfect Inutility of a Custom House for the Purpose of extending