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Vessels having on board any Goods other than Fish, &c. to forfeit the Fishing Certificate.

the before-mentioned Certificate to the principal Officer of the Customs of such Port: Provided also, that in case any such Ship or Vessel shall have on board, during the Time the same may be engaged in the said Fishery, any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever other than Fish, Seals, Oil made of Fish or Seals, Salt, Provisions, or other Things, being the Produce of or usually employed in the said Fishery, such Ships or Vessels shall forfeit the said Fishing Certificate, and shall thenceforth become and be subject and liable to all such and the same Rules, Restrictions, and Regulations, as such Ship or Vessel would have been subject or liable to if this Act had not been made; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Persons Ballast, &c. to the Prejudice of the Harbours.

V. And for preserving the Harbours of the said Colony of New-Persons foundland and its Dependencies from all Annoyances, be it further enacted, That no Ballast, Stones, or any Thing else hurtful or injurious to any of the Harbours there, shall be thrown out of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or otherwise, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, to the Prejudice of any of the said Harbours, but that all such Ballast and other Things shall be carried on Shore and be laid where they may do no Annoyance; and if any Person or Persons shall throw out of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or otherwise, any Ballast, Stones, or other Thing hurtful or injurious to any of the Harbours of the said Colony or its Dependencies, or shall wantonly or maliciously do or procure to be done any other Matter or Thing whereby any of the said Harbours shall or may be damaged or impaired, the Persons or Person so offending shall incur and become liable to the Payment of any Fine, not less than Forty Shillings, nor more than Fifty Pounds Sterling, British Money, or to Imprisonment for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, or both, at the Discretion of the Court before which any such Offenders or Offender may be convicted.

Preventing Annoyances in hauling Nets.

No Person shall take Fish out of the Net of another.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever shall cast Anchor or do any other Matter or Thing to the Annoyance or hindering of the drawing or hauling of Nets or Seans in the customary Baiting Places in Newfoundland, or the Dependencies thereof, or shoot his or their Net or Sean within or upon the Net or Sean of any other Person or Persons whatever; and also that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall steal, purloin, or take any Fish or Bait out of the Net or Sean of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, lying adrift or drover for Bait by Night.

Agreements to be made with Seamen or Fishermen for Wages.

VII. And be it enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever shall employ or cause to be employed at Newfoundland, or any of the Dependencies thereof, for the Purpose of carrying on the Fishery there, any Seamen or Fishermen going as Passengers, or any Seamen or Fishermen hired there, without first entering into an Agreement or Contract with every such Seaman or Fisherman, declaring what Wages or Shares such Seaman or Fisherman is to have, and the Time for which he shall serve, and in what Manner such Wages or Shares are to be paid or allowed; and every such Agreement or Contract shall be made in Writing, and shall be signed by all the Parties thereto.

VIII. And