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oil and 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 that such river, creek, harbour, or road be navigable by boats and craft usually employed in the fisheries, and as such not private property, and the land upon which such wood may be cut be unconceded by the seignior, or proprietor of the seigniory within which the same is situated, or, if conceded, remains unimproved or unoccupied at the time when such wood is cut for the aforesaid purposes.

Masters of British vessels may take possession of ground for certain purposes.

II. And be it enacted, That the master and commander of every vessel fitted out from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or any of the dominions thereunto belonging, for the whale, cod, or other fisheries, may take possession of so much of the unconceded beach of any of the islands of the said Labrador, or of any unoccupied beach on the mainland thereof, within the limits of the province as may be necessary for trying his blubber and rendering the same into oil, or for curing his fish and preparing it for exportation, and to retain and enjoy the same so long as he shall not leave it unoccupied for the space of twelve calendar months, in which case it shall be lawful for any other person or persons to take possession thereof in part or the whole for the same purposes, and on the same condition; provided that such beach be not private property, pursuant to a concession or title deed therefor from the seignior or proprietor of the seigniory to which the same may appertain or be held by virtue of a location certificate from the Crown or title derived therefrom: Provided also, that such new occupier shall, when thereunto required by the preceding possessor or his lawful attorney, such demand being made within one year after possession taken, pay him for such part of the flakes and stages as such new occupier shall have taken possession of; and provided further, that the said preceding possessor not having been paid as aforesaid may remove any building or other improvement erected or made by him on the unoccupied beach aforesaid, so that such removal be not made during and before the close of the fishing season in which the new occupier shall have taken possession.

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Rights of Her Majesty, &c. not affected.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed or held in anywise to alter, prejudice, or affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors, or of any body corporate or politic, person or persons whomsoever other than those to whom this Act may relate.

Duration of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and no longer.

Verified as correct by

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