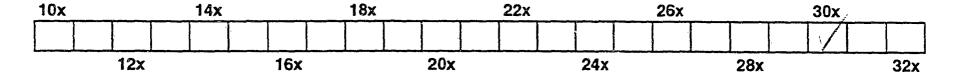
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[THEREAS the Whale, Seal, Cod, Mackarel, Herring, and Promble. other Fisheries in the Gulph of St. Lawrence are of great importance to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, several of whom concerned in those Fisheries have been of late 5 years by strong hand prevented by persons residing on frequenting the Labrador or North Shore of the said Gulph, from making on the coasts thereof and islands contiguous thereto. although uninhabited and waste, the temporary buildings, Try Houses, Sheds, Stages, Flakes, and other erections necessary to 10 the carrying on of those Fisheries, some of such persons pretending that as proprietors or lessees of the Seigniories or occupants of the principal posts or places established on the said coasts for the purpose of trading with the native Indians, they have an exclusive right to the fishing, hunting, and trade with the Indians on 15 the said coast, and in some instances have under pretext thereof violently dispossessed persons of the temporary erections they had constructed in waste and unoccupied parts of the said coast and islands, as trespassers thereupon, but who nevertheless, in the lawful pursuit of such Fisheries, have as British Subjects a right 20 to land and construct such erections on the waste and unoccupied parts of the coast, not disturbing nor interfering with the previous occupants, and are entitled as pursuing an important branch of public and national industry, to every facility which, without injury to planters and those permanently settled on the coast. 25 the various localities on the said coast and islands contiguous to the same can afford; and it therefore is expedient to declare, and enact as hereinaster it is done; Be it therefore declared and enacted, &c.,

And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the H.M. Subjects 30 same, that all and every Her Majesty's Subjects contrying on or the Fisheries concerned in the Whale, Seal, Cod, and other Fisheries in the shall have the Gulph of St. Lawrence shall peaceably have, use and enjoy the right of taking freedom of taking bait and of fishing in any and every River, etc., on the Creek, Harbour, or Road, with liberty to go on shore on any part Lahrador or

North Shore of the Gulf.

or parts of the Labrador or North Shore of the Gulph of St. Lawrence, and upon any islands contiguous thereto, within the limits of the Province on the Gulph Shore or Labrador, for the purposes of the Whale and other Fisheries, and for salting, curing, and drying fish there, to cut wood for making and repairing stages, 5 flakes, hurdles, cook rooms and other purposes necessary for preparing their 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 10 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 15 purposes.

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Masters of British vessels Fisheries to have the right of using the unoccupied Beach etc., on the Labrador coast.

II. And be it enacted. That the Master and Commander of every engaged in the Vessel fitted out from the United Kingdom of Great Britain, or Ireland, or any of the dominions thereunto belonging, for the Whale, Cod, or other Fisheries, may take possession of so much of 20 the unconceded beach of any of the Islands on 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 25 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 30 deed therefor from the Seignior or proprietor of the Seigniory, to which the same may appertain, or be held and by virtue of a location certificate from the Crown or title derived therefrom; Provided also that such new occupiers shall when thereunto required by the preceding possessor or his lawful Attorney, such 35 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 40 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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