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An Act for allowing, until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and two, the Importation of certain Fish from *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador*, and for granting a Bounty thereon. [27th June 1801.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit the Importation of salted and pickled Salmon and salted dry Cod Fish from the Island of *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador* into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to allow on such Importation a Bounty on every Quintal or Hundred Weight of such Fish so imported; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to import from the Island of *Newfoundland*, or the Coast of *Labrador*, into the said United Kingdom, any salted or pickled Salmon, or salted dry Cod Fish, having been taken and cured at the said Places, or either of them, by *British* Subjects, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Preamble.

Salted Salmon or salted dry Cod Fish may be imported from *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador* by *British* Subjects, and on Importation there shall be allowed a Bounty of 3 s. per Quintal or Cwt.

II. And be it further enacted, That, upon the Importation of such Fish into the said United Kingdom, there shall be paid and allowed to the Importer or Proprietor thereof a Bounty of Three Shillings for every Quintal

Conditions on which Bounty shall be paid.

Quintal or Hundred Weight of such Fish, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity, which Bounty shall be paid and allowed upon the following Conditions; that is to say, upon the Master and Mate of every Ship or Vessel in which such Fish shall be imported, making Oath at the Port of Importation before the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or of the Revenue in *Ireland*, that all the said Fish imported in the said Ship or Vessel was taken and cured by His Majesty's Subjects carrying on the Fishery at the Island of *Newfoundland*, or on the Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be; and upon such Fish being duly entered and regularly landed in the Presence of the proper Officer or Officers appointed for that Purpose.

Such Cod and Salmon may be exported without being subject to Re-payment of Duty.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That salted Cod Fish and Salmon which shall have been imported under the Authority of this Act, and on which the Bounty above-mentioned shall have been paid as aforesaid, may nevertheless be exported without being subject to the Re-payment of the said Bounty; any Thing in this Act, or any other Law or Statute, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Bounty to be under the Management of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland*, and the Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*.

Fish to be examined by Two experienced Persons before Bounty be paid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That such Bounty shall be under the Management of the respective Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* in *Great Britain*, and the Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland* respectively, and shall be paid by the said Collector or other principal Officer, before whom such Oath is directed to be taken as aforesaid, out of any Fund under the Management of the said Commissioners respectively: Provided always, That, before any Bounty shall be paid upon any such Fish as aforesaid, the same shall be examined by Two indifferent and disinterested Persons, experienced in the Nature of such Fish, appointed for that Purpose at the Port of Importation, with the Approbation of the said Commissioners respectively; which Persons so appointed, together with the proper Officer or Officers who shall attend the Examination of the said Fish, shall declare, upon their corporal Oaths, to be administered by the Collector or other principal Officer at the Port of Importation, whether the said Fish, or any Part thereof, is or is not merchantable; and in case any such Fish, or any Part thereof, shall not be merchantable, no Bounty shall be allowed or paid on the Importation thereof.

Acts for securing Duties on Salt not to be affected.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to vary, alter, or repeal any Act or Acts of Parliament made for the Security of the Duties upon Salt, but that every Act or Acts of Parliament, relating to such Duties, shall remain in force in like Manner to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been made.

Bounty to be paid according to the Quantity of Fish expressed in Manifest.

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Bounty shall be paid or allowed on the Importation of any such Fish, for or upon any greater Quantity or Weight thereof than is or shall be contained and expressed in the Manifest required by Law, upon the Importation thereof into any Port of the United Kingdom.

Persons fraudulently obtaining the Bounty to forfeit 100*l*.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Persons shall, in any Manner whatever, fraudulently obtain any Bounty upon the Importation of such Fish, or shall enter any such Fish for the Purpose of obtaining any

any Bounty thereon, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in every such Case, the Person or Persons so offending shall, for each and every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Bounty upon the Importation of such Fish shall be paid and allowed in such and the like Manner, and under such and the like Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as any Bounties on the Importation of the Produce of the *British* Fisheries may, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, be paid and allowed, so far as the same are applicable thereto; and the several Clauses, Powers, and Directions therein contained shall, and are hereby directed and declared to extend to, and shall be respectively applied, practised, and put in Execution for or in respect of the Bounty hereby allowed, as far as the same are applicable thereto, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, as if all and every the said Clauses, Provisions, Powers, Directions, Penalties, and Forfeitures were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

Bounty to be paid in like Manner as the Bounties on the Importation of the Produce of the *British* Fisheries.

IX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and two.

Act to continue till *Aug.* 1, 1802.

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