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CAP. LXXVII.

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.]

Preamble.

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.

Salted Salmon or ſalted dry Cod Fiſh may be imported from *Newfoundland* or the Coaſt of *Labrador* by Britiſh Subjects,

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

and on Importation there ſhall be allowed a Bounty of 3*s.* *per* Quintal or Cwt.

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.

Conditions on which Bounty ſhall be paid.

Such Cod and Salmon may be exported without being ſubject to Repayment 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 Repayment 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 *Auguſt* 1, 1802.

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