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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CIII.

An Act for allowing, until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and seven, the Importation of certain Fish from *Newfoundland*, and the Coast of *Labrador*, and for granting a Bounty thereon. [16th *July* 1806.]

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 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.

Pickled salmon or Salted Cod Fish may be imported from Newfoundland, or the Coast of Labrador, into the United Kingdom.

A Bounty of 3 s. for every Quintal or Cwt. of such Fish to be paid to the Importer, on complying with the Conditions herein mentioned.

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 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 Salted Cod and Salmon may be exported without Repayment of Bounty.

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 Customs, &c.

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.

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 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 by 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.

VII. And

VII. And whereas it is expedient that the Bounty hereby granted to the Importers and Proprietors of Fish landed in the United Kingdom should be extended to Fish landed in the Islands of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, be it therefore enacted, That upon the Importation of the like Sort of Fish into the Islands of *Guernsey* and *Jersey* respectively, from the Island of *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador*, there shall be paid and allowed to the Importer or Proprietor thereof the like Bounty of Three Shillings for every Quintal or Hundred Weight of such Fish, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity, which Bounty shall be paid 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 or Place of Importation before the proper Officer of the Customs there (which Oath he is hereby authorized to administer) that all the said Fish imported in the said Ship or Vessel was cured by His Majesty's Subjects, carrying on the Fishery at *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be, and has not since been landed in any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, for the Purpose of receiving the Bounty payable by this Act upon such Fish when imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, and also upon such Fish being examined by Two indifferent and disinterested Persons residing in the said Islands respectively, experienced in the Nature of such Fish, appointed for that Purpose by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for the Time being in *England*, which Persons so appointed shall declare upon their corporal Oaths, to be administered by such proper Officer as aforesaid, whether the said Fish, or any Part thereof, is or is not merchantable, and in case any such Fish, or any Part thereof, shall, upon such Declaration, appear not to be merchantable, no Bounty shall be allowed or paid on the Importation thereof.

A like Bounty of 3 s. for every Quintal or Cwt. of such Fish, to be paid on the Importation thereof into Guernsey and Jersey, on the Regulations herein mentioned being complied with.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That Salted Cod Fish and Salmon, upon 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 or in any other Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Such Salted Cod and Salmon may be exported, without Repayment of Bounty:

IX. And be it further enacted, That such Bounty shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, and shall be paid out of any Duties of Customs under the Management of the said Commissioners, upon a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of such proper Officer as aforesaid, that Oath had been made before him, that all the said Fish had been taken and cured by His Majesty's Subjects carrying on the said Fishery at *Newfoundland*, or the Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be, mentioning the Name of the Ship, and the Time when the said Fish was imported, together with the Name of the Importers or Proprietors thereof, and also that Oath had been made before him, that such Fish was merchantable, and appears to such Officer to be duly entitled to the Bounty granted by this Act; and further, that the Quantity or Weight thereof does not exceed the Quantity or Weight contained and expressed in the Manifest of the Ship or Vessel in which such Fish was imported into the said Islands respectively.

Such Bounty to be under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs of England.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case any Persons shall, in any Manner whatever, fraudulently obtain any Bounty upon the Importation of

Penalty on Persons fraudulently ob-

taining the Bounty to forfeit 100*l.*

of such Fish, or shall enter any such Fish for the Purpose of obtaining 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.

Bounty to be paid as other Bounties on British Fisheries.

XI. 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.

Act to continue in force till Aug. 1, 1807.

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

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