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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLV.

An Act for taking away the public Uſe of certain Ships Rooms in the Town of *Saint John*, in the Iſland of *Newfoundland*; and for inſtituting Surrogate Courts on the Coaſt of *Labrador*, and in certain Iſlands adjacent thereto. [31ſt *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS certain Spaces of Ground in the Town of *Saint John's*, in the Iſland of *Newfoundland*, called *Ships Rooms*, are liable, according to the ancient Cuſtom there uſed, and conformably with the Proviſions of an Act paſſed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of His Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Trade to* Newfoundland, to be claimed by the Maſters of fiſhing Ships, for the Uſe of their Ships and Boats during the current fiſhing Seaſon, which ſaid Spaces of Ground have not of late been employed for the Purpoſes of the Fiſhery: And whereas it would be more beneficial to the general Intereſts of the Trade and Fiſhery, if the ſaid Spaces of Ground were wholly exempted from ſuch Claim, and were let out for building Dwelling Houſes and Store Houſes, and for other Uſes neceſſary to the Trade and Fiſhery: And whereas it has been proved, upon the Survey of Perſons reſident in the Town of *Saint John's*, and well ſkilled in the Affairs of the Fiſhery, that there is Land at the Weſtern Extremity of the Harbour better ſuited for drying, curing, and huſbanding of Fiſh than any of the Ships Rooms above mentioned; 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 aſ- 10 & 11 W. 3. c. 25.

The Ship Rooms herein mentioned no longer to be uſed as ſuch, but may be diſpoſed of as Private Property.

ſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the following Ships Rooms, ſituated in the Town of *Saint John*'s, that is to ſay, the Ships Room, No. I. *Rotten Row*, or *Pye Corner* Ships Room, No. II.; *Darkus*'s Ships Room, No. II.; *Lady*'s Ships Room, No. II.; *Gallows-Hill* Ships Room, No. III.; *Burſtheart-Hill* Ships Room, No. III.; *Churchill* Ships Room, No. IV.; *Hudſon*'s Ships Room, No. V.; *Admiral*'s Ships Room, No. VI.; as the ſame are laid down, diſtinguiſhed, and named in a Plan of the Town and Harbour of *Saint John's* in *Newfoundland*, dated *October* One thouſand eight hundred and four, and depoſited in the Government Houſe there, ſhall no longer be deemed and taken to be Ships Rooms and occupied during the fiſhing Seaſon as ſuch, but it ſhall be lawful for the ſame to be granted, let, and poſſeſſed as private Property, in like Manner as any other Portions of Land in *Newfoundland* may be; any Thing in the ſaid Act or the ſaid ancient Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

II. And whereas it is expedient to provide for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice in ſuch Parts of the Coaſt of *Labrador* from the River *Saint John* to *Hudſon's Streights*, and in the Iſland of *Anticoſti*, and in all other ſmaller Iſlands as are re-annexed to the Government of *Newfoundland* by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ninth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in the Iſland of* Newfoundland *and the Iſlands adjacent, and for re-annexing Part of the Coaſt of* Labrador *and the Iſlands lying on the ſaid Coaſt to the Government of* Newfoundland; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Governor of *Newfoundland* from Time to Time to inſtitute Surrogate Courts in the ſaid Parts and Places, with Power and Authority to proceed in and to hear and determine Civil Suits ariſing within the ſaid Ports and Places, and all other Suits and Complaints, in like Manner as Surrogate Courts inſtituted by virtue of the ſaid Act in the Iſland of *Newfoundland*.

49 G. 3. c. 27.

Governor of Newfoundland may inſtitute Surrogate Courts.

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