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An Act for the further Encouragement and Improvement of the *British* Fisheries.

[24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that all Bounties and Allowances payable on the Exportation from *Great Britain* of any dried or wet Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake, should cease, and that certain Bounties should be granted on Vessels engaged in fishing for such Fish, and on such Fish when cured and dried, or cured with Pickle: 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 all Bounties and Allowances, and all Drawbacks in the Nature of Bounties or Allowances, which under any Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act are made payable on dried or wet Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake cured in *Great Britain*, shall cease and determine, and the same shall be and are hereby repealed.

Bounties on Cod Fish, &c. cured in Great Britain to cease.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, a Bounty of Fifty Shillings *per* Ton shall be annually paid out of His Majesty's Revenues under the Management of the Commissioners of Excise in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, to the Owner or Owners of all such decked or half-decked Vessels of not less than Fifteen Tons Burthen, or to the Person or Persons hiring or chartering such Vessel or Vessels which now are or hereafter shall be

Bounty of 50s. per Ton to be paid annually to the Owners of decked or half-decked Vessels, of not less than 15 Tons, fitted

out for the British Fisheries, &c. Limitation to 60 Tons.

fitted out from any Port in *Great Britain*, for fishing and curing Fish in the *British* Fisheries, in Manner and under the Conditions hereinafter mentioned: Provided always, that no Bounty shall be paid on any such Vessel or Vessels for any greater Number of Tons than Sixty.

Distribution of Bounty, and Conditions on which Bounty shall be paid.

III. And be it further enacted, That of the aforesaid Bounty of Fifty Shillings *per* Ton by this Act granted, no more than Twenty Shillings *per* Ton shall be paid for or on account of any such Vessel, unless it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the *British* Herring Fishery, that the Fish was actually taken or bought by the said Vessel on the Voyage for which such Vessel claims such Bounty, and that such Fish was landed well cured, in sound merchantable Order, in some Port in *Great Britain*; in which Case, out of the remaining Thirty Shillings of such Bounty, the Owner or Master shall receive, for every Hundred Weight of well cured dried Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake, Four Shillings only of such Bounty; and for every Barrel of Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake, cured with Pickle, Two Shillings and Sixpence only of such Bounty as aforesaid: Provided always, that no greater Bounty shall be paid on any Vessel or Vessels than for Sixty Tons, let her Admeasurement be what it may; nor shall there be paid on any Vessel a greater Amount of Bounty in the Whole than Fifty Shillings *per* Ton on such Admeasurement, including the before-mentioned Bounty of Twenty Shillings *per* Ton.

Persons employed in curing Fish on the Coast shall be paid a Bounty of 4s. for every Cwt. of Cod, &c.;

2s. 6d. per Barrel for pickled Cod, &c.;

but not to be paid to Persons receiving any Part of the Bounty of 50s. per Ton.

Inspector appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in order to give Employment and Encouragement to the industrious Poor residing on the Coast of *Great Britain*, and to Persons fitting out Vessels for the Fishery, not for the Tonnage Bounty, there shall and may be paid and allowed to all Persons residing in *Great Britain*, and who shall cure and dry Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake taken on the Coasts of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or the *Isle of Man*, according to such Rules and Regulations as the Commissioners of the *British* Herring Fishery shall make and appoint for that Purpose, a Bounty of Four Shillings for every Hundred Weight of all such dried Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake; and there shall be also paid and allowed, under the like Rules and Regulations, to such Persons residing as aforesaid, and curing any Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake with Pickle, a Bounty of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Barrel of all such pickled Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake; provided always, that no such Bounty or Bounties shall be paid on account of any Fish in respect whereof any Part of the aforesaid Bounty of Fifty Shillings *per* Ton shall have been paid, or shall be payable or allowable to the Master or Owner of any Vessel or Vessels fitted out for the Tonnage Bounty; and provided also that the said several Bounties of Four Shillings *per* Hundred Weight, and Two Shillings and Sixpence *per* Barrel on such dried or pickled Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake respectively, shall not be paid or payable, unless the Inspector or Officer to be appointed for that Purpose, shall have previously inspected all such Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake respectively, and shall have marked all such dried Fish, and branded the Casks containing such pickled Fish respectively; and shall certify in Writing to the Commissioners of the *British* Herring Fishery that such Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake

respectively are properly cured and dried, or pickled and packed, and made up either for the Home or Foreign Market.

Bounty of 3*l.* per Ton on Oil extracted from Whales and other Fish taken on the Coast, and of 4*l.* per Cwt. on Fins of Whales.

V. And be it further enacted, That for an Encouragement to all His Majesty's Subjects of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* who shall engage in the *British* Fisheries, there shall be paid out of the Revenues under the Management of the Commissioners of Excise in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, a Bounty of Three Pounds *per* Ton for every Ton of Oil extracted from Whales, and Three Pounds *per* Ton for every Ton of Oil extracted from other Fish taken on the Coasts of *Great Britain* and the *Isle of Man*, and manufactured therein; and also a Bounty of Four Pounds for every Hundred Weight of all Fins of Whales, commonly called *Whalebone*, taken on the Coasts of *Great Britain* and the *Isle of Man*, and manufactured therein.

Commissioners of the British Herring Fishery to make Regulations for the Payment of Bounties, and for shipping of Salt, &c.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the *British* Herring Fishery from Time to Time to make such Regulations for the Payment of the several Bounties granted by this Act in respect of such Vessels, and of such Cod Fish, Ling, or Hake so cured and dried, or cured with Pickle respectively; and with respect to the shipping of Salt for the said Fisheries, and with respect to the Exportation of any such Fish cured or dried, or cured with Pickle, as to the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time seem fitting and expedient; and that all such Regulations shall be as valid and effectual as if the same were set forth in this Act, and shall be obeyed and carried into Execution by the Officers of the *British* Herring Fishery, and all other Persons concerned; and that no Bounty granted by this Act shall be allowed and paid to any Person or Persons unless all such Regulations shall be duly complied with by the Person or Persons claiming such Bounty; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, in all Cases where they shall be satisfied that such Rules and Regulations have been duly complied with, to grant Certificates under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, of the Amount of Bounty payable either in respect of the Tonnage of any Vessel, or of the Quantity of any Fish cured and dried, or cured in Pickle; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Excise in *England* and *Scotland* respectively to direct such Bounties to be paid to the Persons respectively entitled thereto.

Continuance of Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force for Four Years from the passing thereof, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Act may be altered this Session.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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