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An Act to amend the several Acts for the Encouragement of the *Irish* Fisheries.

[4th *June* 1829.]

WHEREAS the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries have been and are now in the Habit of advancing, to or for Fishermen, small Sums in the Way of Loan, out of the annual Sum of Five thousand Pounds disposable for that Purpose under an Act made in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the* 59G.3.c.109.
further Encouragement and Improvement of the Irish *Fisheries,* as amended by an Act made in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the several Acts for the Encourage-* 5 G. 4. c. 64.
ment and Improvement of the British *and* Irish *Fisheries;* and such Sums are advanced, not by paying the Sums into the Hands of the Fishermen, but by expending the same in building and repairing Boats for them, and also in supplying them with various Implements and Materials necessary for following the Occupation of Fishing; and the Commissioners have hitherto required Promissory Notes or other Securities to be entered into by the said Fishermen, for the punctual Repayment of the Sums so advanced for their Use, with legal Interest thereon, so as thereby to preserve, without Diminution, a reproductive Fund for encouraging regular and industrious Habits among the poorer Classes of Fishermen inhabiting the Coasts of *Ireland;* and the said Fund having already been the Means of affording great Relief, and producing great Public Advantage, it is expedient to afford every Facility for the prompt Recovery of the Monies advanced for such Purposes; 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 any Promissory Note or other Security for any Sum not exceeding the Amount of Ten Pounds given or entered into for the Purposes herein-before mentioned, (which are now by Law recoverable by Civil Bill before Assistant Barristers,) shall and may be sued for and recovered, in the Name of the said Commissioners or their Secretary, or any Officer or other Person to whom, by their Direction or Appointment, such Notes or Securities shall have been or shall be made payable, before any Two Justices assembled in any Petty Sessions to be held in or near the Place where the Person or Persons sued shall have been last known to reside.

Promissory Notes for Sums not exceeding 10*l.* given for the Purposes herein mentioned, may be sued for and recovered at Petty Sessions.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever in any Proceeding before Assistant Barristers in Cases which shall remain determinable before them, or in any Proceeding before Justices in Petty Sessions under this Act, it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of any such Assistant Barristers or Justices respectively, that Service of Process could not be effected in the usual and accustomed Manner upon any Fisherman, or his Surety or Sureties named in any Note or Security, but that a true Copy of such Process had been affixed, Fourteen Days at the least before the Day appointed for the Party or Parties to appear, upon the Door or some other conspicuous Part of the House or usual or last known Place of Residence of the Person or Persons so to be sued respectively as aforesaid, and upon the Door of the Parish Church in which such House or Place of Residence shall be situate, and upon the Door of the Roman Catholic Chapel, if any there shall be in such Parish, and that the same had remained so affixed there for One Hour at least between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, it shall and may be lawful for such Assistant Barrister or Justices respectively to hear and determine any such Suit as aforesaid, although the Defendant or Defendants shall not appear.

Personal Service in certain Cases not required.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Costs of Proceedings at Petty Sessions attendant on the Recovery of the Money secured by Promissory Notes or Securities, shall not exceed the Rate of Charge established for Suitors by Civil Bill before Assistant Barristers under an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-sixth Year of His said late Majesty, for the better and more convenient Administration of Justice, and for the Recovery of Small Debts in a summary Way at the Sessions of the Peace; and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries to make special Agreements with any Attorney or Attornies, or other legal Assistant or Assistants, for the Expence of the Recovery of the Sums secured by any such Promissory Notes or Securities, not exceeding the Amount of the Fees payable under the said recited Act.

Expences at Petty Sessions shall not exceed those under Irish Act of 36 G. 3.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries, so far as the Extent of the Funds vested in them for the Encouragement of the said Fisheries will admit thereof, to enter into any Contracts for the

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Erection of any Piers, or for the Advance or Repayment of any Loans under the said recited Acts, although the Time necessary for the Completion of such Works, or for the Repayment of such Loans, may extend to a Period beyond the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty; any thing in the said Acts, or in any other Act or Acts relating to the said Fisheries, or to the Duration of the said Acts or any of them, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. or repaid after 5 April 1830.

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