

Construction of Act. XVI. And be it enacted, That every word importing the singular number only  
Singular number. shall extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as one person or  
thing, and every word importing the plural number shall extend and be applied  
to one person or thing as well as to several persons or things, and every word  
Masculine gender. importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to a female as  
well as a male: Provided always, that those words and expressions occurring in  
this clause to which more than one meaning is to be attached, shall not have the  
different meanings given to them by this clause in those cases in which there  
may be any thing in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, and  
in which such construction could not reasonably be supposed to have been  
intended.

## CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province.

*Passed 13th April 1844.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Shore and Deep Sea Fisheries present an inexhaustible  
'source of wealth, and it is deemed expedient to grant certain Bounties  
'for the encouragement thereof;'

Bounties granted  
on Fish caught from  
boats or decked  
vessels owned in the  
Province.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council  
and Assembly, That there shall be a Bounty paid on the following species of Fish  
caught in the sea, by persons engaged in open boats or deck Vessels owned or  
registered in this Province, according to the following rates, namely:—

On every quintal of dried Cod Fish of merchantable quality, provided the  
quantity whereon the Bounty is claimed is not less than five quintals, one shilling;

On every quintal of Scale Fish so caught and cured of like quality, and not less  
than the same quantity, six pence;

On every barrel of number one pickled Herrings, containing two hundred  
pounds of Fish, one shilling;

On every barrel of number one Mackerel, containing two hundred pounds of  
Fish, one shilling and six pence;

On every barrel of number two Mackerel, containing two hundred pounds of  
Fish, one shilling;

On every barrel of number one pickled Shad, two shillings.

Bounty granted on  
decked vessels  
owned in this Pro-  
vince and employed  
in the Fisheries.

II. And be it enacted, That there shall be granted on all decked Vessels of the  
burthen of ten tons and upwards, according to the measurement for tonnage under  
the Act of the Imperial Parliament made and passed in the fifth and sixth years  
of the Reign of King William the Fourth, owned and registered in this Province,  
and employed in the Deep Sea or Shore Fisheries for a period of not less than  
four months, at any time between the first day of April and the first day of  
December following, (no Vessel being entitled to more than one Bounty in each  
year) a Bounty according to the following scale, that is to say:—

Vessels of ten tons and not exceeding fifty tons, ten shillings;

Vessels exceeding fifty tons and up to one hundred tons, twelve shillings and  
six pence for each and every ton thereof.

List of equipments  
and stores to be at-  
tached to the  
Custom House cer-  
tificate.

III. And be it enacted, That all Vessels so to be employed as aforesaid shall at  
the time of clearing out at the Custom House or other office appointed for clear-  
ing such Vessel, be fully provided with furniture, equipments, stores and salt,  
necessary for carrying on the said Fisheries, and a complete list of all such furni-  
ture, equipments and stores shall either be attached to the Port Clearance or  
Custom House Certificate, or be embodied therein as shewn in the form Letter  
A in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and no claim for Bounty under this Act  
shall be admitted without the production of said Certificate; and the Master of  
the Vessel intending to claim Bounty, shall keep or cause to be kept a list in the  
Form C hereunto annexed, of the names, reputed ages and residence of all per-  
sons employed on board the said Vessel, and of the quantities and species of  
Fish caught by each person; and when claiming Bounty he shall produce and  
authenticate the said list and receipts from the said persons or other sufficient  
testimony that their claims on the Vessel, the owners or the catch, have been  
satisfied, or reasonable satisfaction tendered, which list he shall attach to the  
Custom House Certificate of entry at the Port where he may arrive after the  
completion of his voyage, in Form B.

Account of Fish  
caught, and list of  
Crew, and evidence  
of payment to be at-  
tached to the Cus-  
tom's certificate.