

IV. Be it enacted, That before any Bounty shall be granted on any Fish of any quantity or kind under this Act, the same shall be duly inspected and branded or marked by the Officer lawfully appointed by any Law now in force or hereafter to be made for that purpose, in the Parish or place where the said Fish may be offered for legal inspection; and should the said Inspector upon due examination of the same, be satisfied as to the quantity and species, he shall brand or mark the package containing the same with his initials or distinctive mark, and

Before Bounty be granted, Fish to be inspected.

Inspector to keep an account of Fish inspected by him.

the mark <sup>B</sup> burnt or painted black, and keep a correct list of all the lots or package of Fish so inspected by him claiming Bounty, in Form D, in order to secure such returns of the state of the Fisheries and Bounties paid on them, as the Government or Legislature may at any time desire; and because in the case of Dried Cod or Scale Fish, not contained in any package, frauds may be practised unless the said Fish be marked in such manner as may be quite evident at sight, the Inspector of such unpacked Cod or Scale Fish shall not grant any Certificate for Bounty on such Fish until he shall have seen them marked by cutting off from one corner of the tail of each Fish a triangular piece not less than two inches long each way, nor shall he grant any Certificate on any Fish that may have been so marked before they were presented for his inspection; and the Inspector having so examined and marked the packages and Fish for which Bounty is claimed he shall grant the claimant a Certificate in the Form D.

Cod or Scale Fish to be marked before certificate for Bounty be granted.

V. Be it enacted, That the claims for Bounty shall be made before any Judge of the Common Pleas, or Justice of Peace of the County, or City and County, in which the same may be claimed, who shall in case of the claim being made for Bounty on a Vessel, cause the Register of the Vessel, the port clearance in Form A, and port entry in Form B, and the Master's account of the crew and catch in Form C, including the receipt of the parties for their share of the catch, or a satisfactory payment in consideration thereof, to be duly verified and authenticated by the testimony on oath of the Master and other person or persons of the crew of the said Vessel, and being satisfied as to the justice of the claim for Bounty under this Act, he shall certify the same in Form marked G in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and shall attach to the said certificate the aforesaid port clearance certificate of entry B, and Master's account of crew and catch C, under his seal, and deliver the same to the party or parties claiming the Bounty, and by virtue of which the Owners may draw a Bill as shewn in the Form G, on the Treasurer of the Province, which Bill shall be paid by him or any of his Deputies, and the said documents shall be his sufficient voucher for said payment.

Claim for Bounty on vessels, to whom to be preferred, and how verified and drawn.

VI. Be it enacted, That in case of a claim for Bounty on Fish, the said claim shall be made before a Judge of Common Pleas, or Justice of Peace of the County, or City and County, wherein the same may be claimed, who shall cause the Inspector's Certificate in Form D to be verified and authenticated on the oath of the claimant, or other sufficient testimony, and the said Judge or Justice shall also satisfy himself by sufficient testimony on oath, that the said Fish was actually caught from the sea by persons residing within the Province, with their names and residences, and mode of catching, and such other testimony as shall satisfy him that the said Bounty is not claimed for or by persons residing in any other Province or State, and when so satisfied, he shall give the claimant a Certificate in Form H annexed to this Act, attaching thereto under his seal the Inspector's Certificate in Form D, and deliver the same to the party or parties claiming, whereupon he or they may draw a Bill for the amount so certified, on the Treasurer of the Province, as shewn in Form H, which shall be paid by the said Treasurer or any of his Deputies, and the said documents shall be his voucher for the same.

Claim for Bounty on Fish how to be presented, verified and drawn.

VII. Be it enacted, That a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds be paid out of the Provincial Treasury, to be applied to the purpose specified in this Act, and the same sum annually, so long as this Act be in force, and the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, shall issue his warrant for the said amount.

£3000 per annum appropriated for the purposes of this Act.

VIII. Be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall be guilty of false swearing or affirming, or of fabricating or producing any false documents for the purposes of this Act, with intent or design to defraud the Treasury, such person or persons so offending, shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of the Law for wilful and corrupt perjury, and shall be disqualified from ever after receiving any Bounty under the provisions of this Act.

False swearing made perjury.

IX. Be it enacted, That the Justices fees for services rendered under and by virtue of the provisions of this Act shall be the same as are provided for in other similar cases.

Fees of Justices.