

of Hemp to be raised within this Province, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, and in every subsequent year during the space of five years, and which shall be broken and properly prepared for Market, to be paid to the grower or other person who breaks and properly prepares such Hemp for Market.

II. And be it enacted, That the grower or person claiming, and who shall be entitled to the said Bounty, in order to entitle himself or herself thereto, shall first take and subscribe the following oath, the same to be set down in writing, that is to say :—

Oath to be taken  
by the claimant.

‘ I, A. B., of —, in the County of —, do swear that — hundreds weight of Hemp, broken and properly prepared for Market, and of a good merchantable quality, were really and truly raised on the land occupied by me in the Parish of —, in the County of —, and that the same is actually the crop of the year —, and that no other person, to my knowledge or belief, has applied for, or received any Bounty on the same.

(Signed)

‘ A. B.

‘ Sworn before me at —, this — day of —, 184—  
and I verily believe the statements therein set forth.

‘ C. D., Justice of the Peace.’

And some credible Witness shall also make oath in writing, subscribed by his name, and annexed to the said affidavit in the form following, that is to say :—

Confirmatory oath  
to be taken by a  
Witness.

‘ I, E. F., of —, in the County of —, do swear that I was present at —, on the — day of —, and did see the Hemp mentioned in the annexed affidavit, duly and fairly weighed, that it was previously broken and properly prepared for Market, and that I verily believe it was grown in all respects as set forth in the said affidavit.

(Signed)

‘ E. F.

‘ Sworn before me at —, this — day of —.

‘ C. D., Justice of the Peace.’

Which said affidavits shall be made before any Justice of the Peace of the County where such applicant shall reside, who is hereby authorized to administer the same.

III. And be it enacted, That every such affidavit shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace of the proper County, at least six days before some General Session of the Peace of the same, and it shall be the duty of such Clerk of the Peace to arrange the several applications in a tabular form, containing the names and residences of the parties applicant, the names of the Magistrates before whom the affidavits had been made, the quantity of, and the Parish in which the Hemp is stated to have been raised, with the several amounts of Bounty claimed; and shall submit the same, together with the said affidavits, unto the Justices assembled at such General Sessions of the Peace: and the said Justices shall thereupon order and direct that the said table, together with the said affidavits, shall be publicly read in the said Court, in the presence and hearing of the Grand Jury, and shall determine and settle all such claims, and shall certify in one general Schedule, all such claims as they, the said Justices, shall then allow, and shall within six days after the rising of such Court, transmit such Schedule to the Office of the Secretary of the Province.

Affidavits to be filed  
with the Clerk of  
the Peace, who is  
to prepare a Sched-  
ule, and submit it  
to the Sessions.

Schedule to be read  
before the Grand  
Jury, certified, and  
transmitted to the  
Secretary's Office.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to draw by Warrant on the Treasury for the gross amount of the Bounties as set forth in the said Schedule, together with the sum of five per centum on the same, in favor of the Clerk of the Peace, such sum of five per centum to be by him retained for his trouble, and the residue to be by him forthwith paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

Authority given to  
draw on the  
Treasury.

V. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall be entitled to any Bounty under the provisions of this Act, unless the quantity of Hemp broken and properly prepared for Market as aforesaid, and for which he, she or they shall claim the Bounty, shall amount to one hundred weight, and in settling claims no Bounty shall be allowed by the Justices for any fractional portion less than a quarter of a hundred weight.

No Bounty to be  
allowed for less  
than one hundred  
weight.

VI. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall be guilty of false swearing in any matter or thing connected with 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.

False swearing to  
induce pains of  
perjury.