

CAP. XXIV.

An Act to grant a Bounty on the destruction of Bears and Wolves in this Province.

Passed 30th March 1848.

I. **B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, a reward of thirty shillings shall be paid to any inhabitant or native Indian of the Province for each and every Wolf they may kill or destroy within the limits of the same, and the sum of fifteen shillings for each and every Bear they may kill or destroy within the limits aforesaid.

A Bounty granted for the killing of Bears and Wolves.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, on application to him from time to time to be made by any of the several Clerks of the Peace of the Counties in this Province respectively, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of this Province, or any of his Deputies, directing him to pay over to such Clerk of the Peace, or to his order, out of any monies of any nature or kind soever then in the hands of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, such sum of money not exceeding fifteen pounds at any one time, as to His Excellency and Her Majesty's Executive Council may seem meet; to be applied by such Clerk of the Peace, and accounted for by him, in the manner hereinafter provided.

The issue of Treasury Warrants in sums not exceeding £15, in favour of the Clerks of the Peace, on applications, authorized.

III. And be it enacted, That to entitle any person or persons to the reward of thirty shillings for killing a Wolf, or fifteen shillings for killing a Bear, as mentioned in the first section of this Act, he or they shall bring the nose or noses of the Wolf or Wolves, Bear or Bears, for the killing of which the Bounty is claimed, to any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing nearest to the place where the same may have been killed, and shall take and subscribe, (or affix his ordinary mark,) to the following oath, printed or written, that is to say:—

To entitle to the Bounty, the nose of the Bear or Wolf to be produced, and prescribed affidavit made.

'I (or we) do swear, that I (or we) did on the — day of — kill, or assist to kill a Bear (or Bears) or a Wolf (or Wolves) at [here describe the place as near as may be,] in the Province of New Brunswick, and that the nose (or noses) now produced by me (or us) is (or are) the nose (or noses) of the Bear (or Bears) Wolf (or Wolves) so killed, for which the Bounty granted by Law is claimed, and that no other person has received the Bounty for the same.'

Which oath the said Justice is authorized and required to administer without any fee; and shall burn or otherwise destroy the nose or noses so produced before him; and shall also certify under his hand in the jurat of the said affidavit, that he verily believes the statement therein contained to be true, and that he has burned or destroyed the said nose or noses, and shall deliver the said affidavit and certificate to the deponent or deponents.

Justice to certify his belief of the facts, on the jurat.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several Clerks of the Peace, in their respective Counties, and they are hereby required on presentation of any such affidavit or affidavits, with certificate or certificates as aforesaid, to any of them respectively, forthwith and without any fee, reward, deduction or abatement whatsoever, to pay over to the deponent or deponents, or his or their order, out of the monies in the hands of the said Clerks of the Peace, by virtue of the Warrant in the second section of this Act mentioned, the sum of thirty shillings for each and every Wolf, and the sum of fifteen shillings for each and every Bear so proved to have been killed as aforesaid, for which the said deponent or deponents, or person receiving the same, shall thereupon give the Clerk of the Peace paying the same a receipt or acquittance.

Clerks of the Peace to pay the Bounty on production of the certified affidavit;

V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Clerks of the Peace who may make application for and receive a Warrant or Warrants on the Treasury under the provisions of this Act, and they are hereby required on or before the first day of December in each and every year, to make up and transmit to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, a statement in writing signed by such Clerk of the Peace, and sworn to before any Justice of the Peace of this Province, who is hereby authorized to administer such oath, crediting the Province with the amount of monies by him received by virtue of such Warrant, and specifying by names the several parties to whom he may have paid Bounties during the preceding year, and the amount paid to each, accompanied with the vouchers and receipts for the same; which Schedule, vouchers and receipts shall be laid before the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

and transmit Accounts by the 1st of December, to the Provincial Secretary.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Clerks of the Peace so intrusted with the distribution of the Wolf and Bear Bounties in their respective Counties as aforesaid, shall be allowed to retain out of the gross amount of the Warrants to

Commission of five per cent. allowed.