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FOR AN

OFFICER OF THE FISHERY,

In virtue of the Act 5th Geo. IV. Cap. 64.



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Under the Acts 48th Geo. III. Cap. 110, 55th Geo. III. Cap. 94, and 5th Geo. IV. Cap. 64.



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OFFICER OF THE FISHERY

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HAVING already furnished you with a copy of the act 5th Geo. IV. cap. 64, initialed "An Act to amend "the several Acts for the Encourage-"ment and Improvement of the Bri-"tish and Irish Fisheries;" I now proceed to give a short abstract of the provisions thereof, in order that you may more fully understand them; accompanied with such observations and instructions for your government in carrying the act into execution, as the subject seems to require, and in so far as this department is concerned.

Section

Section 1st repeals, from and after the 5th day of July 1825, the whole of the present bounties and allowances for the encouragement of the fishery-that is to say-the bounty of 4s. per barrel on white herrings cured in Great Britain and the Isle of Man; the allowance of £3,000 per annum for encouraging the Open Sea Herring Fishery in Scotland; and the bounties, whether tonnage or otherwise, on cod, ling, or hake, oil, and whalebone, cured or manufactured in Great Britain. The bounties granted by the act 48th Geo. III. cap. 110. for the encouragement of the Deep Sea Herring Fishery, were previously repealed by the act of the 1st and 2d of his present Majesty, cap. 79.

On this section it is only necessary to observe, that the present bounties continue to the 5th of July next; and you will therefore grant them in the usual manner till that period.

Sections 2d and 3d provide, that from and after the 5th day of July 1825, new bounties shall be granted for white herrings cured in Great Britain or the Isle of Man, and also for cod, ling, or hake, cured cured by persons residing in Great Britain, according to the provisions of the acts now in force; and they further provide, that the herring and cod tonnage bounties shall be diminished each year until the 5th of July 1829; when by a subsequent section it is declared, that the whole are to cease. The following is the rate to be allowed during the continuance of the new bounties, viz.

White Herrings.

From 5th July 1825 to 5th July 1826—4s. per barrel.

From 5th July 1826 to 5th July 1827—3s. per barrel.

From 5th July 1827 to 5th July 1828—2s. per barrel.

From 5th July 1828 to 5th July 1829—1s. per barrel.

Cod, Ling, or Hake.

For such fish if cured dried, 4s. per cwt. and if cured in pickle, 2s. 6d. per barrel, for the whole four years; with a further bounty for vessels cleared out on the tonnage bounty—of 20s. per ton for the first year; 15s. for the second; 10s. for the third; and 5s. per ton for the fourth year: from which it follows, that the aggregate bounty for such vessels, not exceeding 60 tons of their burthen, will be at the rate of 50s. per ton for the first year; 45s. for the second; 40s. for the third; and 35s. per ton for the fourth and last year.

From the above recital you will observe, that the allowance for the encouragement of the Open Sea Herring Fishery, and the bounties for the manufacture of oil and whalebone, are not renewed, and that no mention is made of the deduction which the Commissioners are at present authorised to make, from the bounty on herrings not gutted with a knife; and you will therefore bear in mind, that no bounty for herrings so gutted, or for oil, and whalebone, is to be granted by you after the 5th of July 1825-even although you should have received previous notice, that such herrings, oil, or whalebone, were in the process of cure or manufacture with the view of being produced for inspection. If they be not produced.

duced, inspected, and branded, and the debenture for them made out, on or before the day above mentioned, bounty is not to be allowed; and it will be proper that you give timeous notice of this to the curers in your district, that they may not be disappointed.

You will be particularly careful in granting herring and cod tonnage bounty debentures, to allow bounty only according to the rate prescribed for the year in which the debenture is dated; although a higher rate of bounty may have existed at the time when the fish were cured, or the vessel was licensed. For example, if herrings cured before the 5th of July 1826, when the bounty is at the rate of 4s. per barrel, shall not be branded till after that day, they are only to be allowed bounty at the rate of 3s. per barrel; and if vessels licensed for the cod tonnage bounty before the 5th of July 1826, when that part of the bounty, which relates to the tonnage, is at the rate of 20s. per ton, shall not have completed the voyage till after that day, they are only to be allowed an aggregate bounty of 45s. whereof 15s. is the rate applicable to the tonnage; being the respective

respective rates prescribed by the act, for herrings and cod tonnage bounty vessels, for the year from 5th July 1826 to 5th July 1827. The same observations apply to each succeeding year; and you will pay particular attention to this matter, otherwise the debentures cannot be passed. Blank spaces have been left in the Forms of the herring and cod tonnage bounty debentures, for the rate of the bounty; which you will fill up with the rate applicable to the year when the debentures are made out; in the body in words, and at the bottom in figures, in the same manner as is done in the printed Forms now in use.

Section 4th provides that the new bounties shall be paid in such manner, and under such directions, and subject to such rules, regulations, and restrictions, as the present bounties; and as if all such directions, &c. had been repeated and re-enacted.

From this you will observe, that although the bounties are changed, the other provisions of the fishery acts remain unaltered; and it therefore becomes unnecessary to issue new instructions for the clearance or discharge of vessels, the curing on shore, the inspecing ing of the fish, and the branding or punching of them for bounty, as you have only to conduct yourself in the performance of these duties, con-formably to the instructions formerly given. From this section it also follows, that the same restriction, as at present, continues in regard to cod tonnage bounty vessels, when the aggregate bounty on tonnage and cargo ex-ceeds the rate prescribed for each year, or when the vessel exceeds 60 tons burthen. For example: If the vessel exceeds that burthen, or if the aggregate bounty is greater than 50s. per ton, such a deduction must be made therefrom in the first year, as will reduce the total bounty to the rate of 50s. per ton. In the same manner such a deduction must be made in the second year, as will reduce the total bounty to the rate of 45s.; in the third to 40s.; and in the fourth and last year to 35s. per ton. You will therefore particularly attend to this.

Section 5th provides that the new bounties shall be paid in British currency, and shall wholly cease and determine at the 5th of July 1829. Section

6th repeals from and after the 5th of July 1825, the present bounties payable on salmon, red herrings, red sprats, pilchards, and scads. Section 7th grants a new bounty for pilchards or scads, from 5th July 1825 to 5th July 1829; and diminishes the rate thereof in each year after the first. Section 8th exempts all fish cured in Great Britain or Ireland, from any duty of Customs payable on exportation; and sections 9th and 10th provide, that the sums hitherto allowed for the encouragement of the open sea herring fishery in Scotland, and for the encouragement of the Irish fisheries, shall be applied in future to building and repairing piers and quays, and to furnishing materials for repairing the boats of poor fishermen; but these sections do not affect the officers of this department, and therefore do not require any particular observation.

The forms have been altered so as to correspond with the provisions of the new act; but it has been deemed unnecessary to reprint them in an appendix to these Instructions, as many of the alterations are of a trifling nature, and I shall take care to furnish you before the act takes effect, with directions for altering altering such of the forms in your possession, as can still be used, and with a supply of such as cannot. It may, however, be proper in the meantime to observe, that as the salt laws have been repealed by the act of the 5th Geo. IV. cap. 65, the clause in the oath to the account, Form No. 3, which relates to the embezzling or selling of fishery salt, is no longer necessary; and you will therefore draw the pen through it, in case you should have occasion to administer the oath before the new supply reaches you. Y You will also discontinue. in the Coast Fishery Book, from and after the 5th of April next, the abstract at present required, of the quantity of salt shipped, expended, and brought back, by each vessel cleared out for the fishery, as the repeal of the salt laws now renders it unnecessary.

Many of the forms have become useless, in consequence of the repeal of the deep sea, open sea, oil and whalebone bounties and allowances; and I therefore subjoin a list of such as will be required after the 5th of July 1825—with corrected numbers affixed to them; to which I request your attention when an additional supply is wanted.

Herring Fishery Forms.

No. 1. Notice of Intention to fit out a Vessel or Boat. No. 2. Certificate of Articles shipped. No. 3. Form of Account to be kept by the Master. Form of Declaration of tran-No. 4. shipment. Notice of Intention to cure on No. 5. Shore. No. 6. Form of Shore curing Account. Request Note to brand. No. 7. Request Note to inspect Her No. 8. rings repacked from bungpacked Herrings formerly branded. Form of, and Petition for the No. 9. appointment of Arbiters. Herring Debenture. No. 10. No. 11. Debenture for Herrings branded by Arbitration. No. 12. Notice of Intention to ship repacked Herrings not branded for Bounty, to be carried Coastwise for Exportation to a Place out of Europe. No. 13. Certificate and Oath for ditto. No. 14. No. 14. Notice of Intention to ship White Herrings for Exportation.

No. 15. Form of, and Petition for the appointment of Arbiters, to settle disputes regarding branded Herrings intended for Exportation.

No. 16. Form of Return of Seizure.

Cod and Ling Fishery Forms.

- No. 1. Entry of a Vessel on the Tonnage Bounty.
- No. 2. Certificate of Articles put on board.
- No. 3. Licence.

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- No. 5. Form of, and Oath by the Master and Splitter.
- No. 6. Request Note to punch and brand Fish cured by the Crews of Tonnage Bounty Vessels.
- No. 7. Debenture for Tonnage Bounty Vessels.
- No. 8. Certificate of the Fish punched, and the Amount of Bounty allowed.

No. 9.

No. 9.	Notice of Intention to fit out a
	Vessel not on the Tonnage
	Bounty.
No. 10.	Certificate of Articles shipped.
No. 11.	Form of Account to be kept
	by the Master.
No. 12.	Notice of Intention to cure
	from Open Boats with Salt
	stored on Shore.
No. 13.	Form of Account to be kept
	by the Curer.
No. 14.	Request Note to punch, or
	brand, Fish cured not on the
	Tonnage Bounty.
No. 15.	Debenture for Fish cured not
	on the Tonnage Bounty.
No. 16.	Notice of Intention to ship for
	Exportation.

The above Instructions you will please copy into your Order Book.

By Order of the Commissioners,

JAS. DUNSMURE,

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OFFICE FOR THE HERRING FISHERY, Edin, 1st March 1825.











