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ENGLAND.

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*An ACT for the Encouragement of the  
WHALE-FISHERY in the  
Gulph and River St. Lawrence, and  
on the Coasts of his Majesty's Colonies  
in America.*

HEREAS a considerable  
Whale-Fishery has been discovered in the Gulph and River of St. Lawrence, and has been carried on with Success; but is still capable of Improvement: And whereas it would contribute greatly to the Encouragement of the said Fishery, if the Duty now payable upon Whale-Fins, taken from Whales caught in the said Gulph and River of St. Lawrence, or in any Seas on the Coasts of any of his Majesty's Colonies in America, were, for a competent Time, lessened and reduced; We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, desirous to improve the Advantages that have accrued to your Majesty's Subjects from the Cessions made by the late Peace, most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by, and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for

any Person or Persons, from and after the passing of this Act, at any Time before the 25th Day of December, 1770, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, to import in Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, (whereof the Captain or Master, and Three Fourth Parts of the Mariners, are his Majesty's Subjects) Whale-Fins, taken from Whales caught by any of his Majesty's Subjects in the Gulph or River of St. Lawrence, or in any Seas on the Coasts of any of his Majesty's Colonies in America, without paying any Custom, Subsidy, or Duty, for the same, other than and except the Rate or Duty commonly called The Old Subsidy, granted by an Act made in the 25th Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade,* for and during the said Term; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to allow the Importation of Whale Fins without paying any Custom, Subsidy, or Duty, other than and except the said Rate or Duty commonly called the Old Subsidy, unless the Captain, Master, or other Commanding Officer of the Ship or Vessel, or the Person importing the same, shall first make Oath before one of the Principal Officers of the Customs in the Port or Ports of Importation, (who is and are hereby authorized and required, to administer such Oath) that all the

Whales