

Baskett Destruction of their Fishery; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's President, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That no Person whatsoever shall hereafter strike or shoot any Fish within the Precincts aforesaid, with Gigs, Arrows, or any other striking Instruments, nor shall presume to go out upon the Water in Canoes, Boats, or other Vessels fit for that Purpose, in the Night time, provided with Lights, or other Utensils for Striking, upon the Penalties hereafter mentioned (that is to say)

p. 67 For every Night that any Person shall go out upon the Water in such Vessel, as aforesaid, provided as aforesaid, such Person shall be fined the sum of Two hundred Pounds of Tobacco; and also every Person, that shall Strike any Fish, as aforesaid, whether by Day or Night, the Sum of One hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every Fish so struck; One Half of each of which said Fines to be paid to the Informer, and the other Half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors, to be employed by the Justices of the County, where the Offender lives, towards the Defraying the Charge of such County; such Fact or Facts to be proved by the Oath of One sufficient Witness, besides the Informer, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, who upon Complaint thereof made, shall issue out his Warrant to the Constable of the Hundred, or to such other Person or Persons, as such Justice or Justices shall think fit, to bring before him or them the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint shall be made, and the Witness or Witnesses, which the Complainant shall name; which Justice or Justices shall have full Authority, by Virtue of this Act, to hear and determine the Matter; and upon such Proof the Justice or Justices shall issue his or their Warrant to the Sheriff of such County, to levy the same Fines by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons having so offended; and in Default of Goods or Chattels, to be shewn by such Offender or Offenders to such Sheriff, that then such Sheriff shall be, and is hereby empowered to levy the same upon the Body or Bodies of him or them, and shall, on Receipt of such Fines, forthwith pay One Half of such Fine to the Informer, and render an Account of the other Half to the Justices of such County, at the Time of the Laying the then next Levy for such County, to be applied towards the Defraying the same County Charge, as aforesaid.

Provided nevertheless, That in case any Servant, or Slave, shall be accused of any Fact prohibited by this Law, and that it shall appear to the Justice or Justices, before whom such Accusation shall be made or examined, that such Servant, or Slave, is Guilty of the Fact, whereof he or she shall be so