

Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 294.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE.

AN ACT to establish a bounty on seals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. A bounty of fifty cents for each and every 2 seal killed in any town shall be paid by the treasurer thereof 3 to the person exhibiting to said treasurer the skin of such 4 seal with the nose attached thereto, within thirty days after 5 said seal was killed; such treasurer shall first cut off the 6 nose from the skin, and destroy it and shall then proceed 7 as in sections six and seven of chapter thirty of the Revised 8 Statutes.

SECT. 2. All acts forbidding the destruction of seals in 2 any waters of this State, or inconsistent with the pro-3 visions hereof are hereby repealed; provided however,

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4 that it shall be unlawful to destroy said seal in the waters 5 of Casco Bay by shooting with rifle or other long range 6 weapon which might endanger human life in the neighbor-7 hood; and provided further that the carcasses of such seal 8 when destroyed in Casco Bay shall not be left derelict 9 in the waters of said bay, but shall be removed from said 10 waters and properly disposed of by the person destroying 11 them, under a penalty for a violation of either of the fore-12 going provisions relating to Casco Bay of fifty dollars, to 13 be recovered upon complaint or indictment before any 14 court having jurisdiction of such offences. i. -

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House of Representatives, March 20, 1891.

Reported by Mr. PARKER of Belfast, from Committee on Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.