

Book 3.

Of Policy concerning things which serve

things for public use  
These are 1/ Fishing 2/ Hunting and fowling of sea  
ports 4/ Bridges and Carriages 5/ Woods 6/ Highways 7/ Land  
Carriages 8/ Forrefts 9/ Planting and Inclosures 10/ Prisons  
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and Wadgoring, 13/ Sumptuary laws.

Chap. 1.

Of Fishing.

Because the Riches of Scotland consist chiefly in  
its fishing, our Law made Carefull provision for the Im-  
provement and Right use of it. Therefore in order to fishing  
in the sea, ships and barks were ordained to be made,  
Act 49 Parl. 6 J. 3. act 49 Parl. 4 J. 4. Because before this  
could not be out in storm, and its best fishing in troubled  
waters. In the Year 1661 the Parliament allowed the Erecting  
of Companies for Improving the fishing of herring and  
white fish, with special privileges Act 29 J. 1. Parl.  
Ch. 2. Whereupon a Royal Company by a gift from  
the King was Erected. But the Members of that Com-  
pany having afterwards Retired their stocks and  
quitted the prosecution of such trade in Company, the  
said Company was in the Year 1690 Dissolved, and then  
Gift of Ercehou Preceded; and all the duties Invented  
to the trade of fishing and Curing of herring with  
an Assurance of all freedoms and Advantages act  
34 J. 2. Parl. W. 8. M.

New Regulations have been made as to the  
times and Manner of fishing act 30 Parl. 2 J. 1 act 8 Parl.  
5 Act 45 Parl. 14 J. 2. act 224 Parl. 14 J. 6. act 33 J. 6 Act 3  
J. 7 Parl. J. W. Act 20 J. 1 Parl. J. 7. And about the Curing  
Curing packing and barreling of fish Act 12 J. 6 act  
24 J. 7 Parl. J. W. act 5 J. 4 Parl. W. 8. M. act 2 J. 8.  
3 Parl. 2. J. 1.