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[MR. PIGOTT;—24 *January*, 1893.]

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1. Notwithstanding anything in the "Fisheries Act of 1881" or any other Act or any license granted or proclamation issued under any such Act, no person shall cast or set any net of any kind whatsoever in any place within the inlet in the county of Northumberland known as Brisbane Water, nor in any estuary or arm thereof, for the purpose of catching or adapted to catch or capable of catching fish, and whether within the waters of the said inlet subject to or beyond the influence of the tide. Any person who casts or sets any such net contrary to the provisions of this Act shall incur a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds for the first offence, and for the second or any subsequent offence not less than *five* pounds nor more than *twenty* pounds, recoverable in a summary way before any one or more Justices of the Peace. And every such net and all lines, leads, corks, and gear connected therewith shall be forfeited to Her Majesty upon conviction of the offender. Net-fishing prohibited under penalty.

2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any person from fishing within the tidal waters of Brisbane Water or any estuary or arm thereof with a hand line or a rod and line. Hand or rod-line not prohibited.

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