



MANX SEA FISHING

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KIRK BRIDE BOAT OWNERS FINED FOR NOT ATTENDING THE HERRING FISHING 1705

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lawfully charged Xtopher Coole
With Luce W^m Inceall
Charles Cowle Capt. Will. Christian Junio^r
Tho: Gouffmiller Joⁿ Inceall
Ewan Christian Junio^r Mark: Carhigh
Will. Christian Mich^l: Goughen
Dan Goughen Will: Fear
Sam: Christian

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a p^o for not
coming to get their
fish

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are lawfully charged by y^e authority above said, to goe to y^e
hearing fishing to port Grou, and to have their net and bags and all
other things y^e thinking to y^e fishing, in good order. This is truth by
verbe of my callias witness my sub^{sc}ript this 23 of July 1705
William Inceall Lock man of the My m^o +

Mr. Water Bailiff,

This is to certify that I have (by your token)

lawfully charged

Christopher Cowle

William Lace

William Kneale

Charles Cowell

Captain William Christian Junior

Thomas Goldsmith

John Kneale

Ewan Christian Junior

Mark Corkish

William Christian

Michael Joughin

Daniel Joughin

William Teare

Samuel Christian

All these being the Boat Masters of Kirk Bride are lawfully charged by the authority above said, to go to the herring fishing to Port Iron; and to have their nets and buoys and other things pertaining to the said fishing in good order. This is truth by virtue of my oath; as witness my subscription on this 23rd of July 1705.

William Kneale, Lockman of Kirk [Bride] My Mark X.

EXPLANATIONS

This record of 1705 in the *Enquest File* shows that boat owners were still compelled to muster for the herring fishing at that date

'Water Bailiff': an official who presided at courts when offences connected with the fishing were dealt with

'Port Iron': Port Erin

'subscription': signature

'Lockman': a Coroner's assistant

QUESTIONS

1. At least how many owners of fishing boats must there have been in the parish of Bride in 1705?
2. Is there any evidence whether or not this document was in William Kneale's own handwriting?
3. What were the two obligations on boat owners which were still being enforced in 1705?
4. Which fishing grounds were probably being used at the start of the herring fishing season in the year 1705?