Transcription

To Samuel Chadwick you are hereby permited with three boats to fish for Whale or other Royall fish On the Seay Coast of thiss Government and Whatsoever you Shall catch to Convert to your [to your] own use, paying to the Hon[ora]ble the Governor one tenth parte of the Oyle and bone Made by vertue of thiss Licence

By the Hon[ora]ble the Governrs Ordr. Richd. Rustull for Collr



Discuss & Reflect

Reflect on this permit "to fish for Whale or other Royall fish on the seay Coast of this Government." Who has the right to provide that access? Who might not be granted access?

Do you consider a 10% tax fair?

Why were whale oil and whale bone valuable? What were their uses in this period?

How important was the marine industry in colonial North Carolina?

Compare this colonial fishing license with modern-day U.S. Fish and Wildlife hunting licenses. What is the purpose of restricting hunting and fishing, and how has this reasoning changed over time?

Learn more about whaling off North Carolina's coast at <u>NCPedia</u>.