

Statutes of Upper-Canada, Passed in the third session of the seventh provincial parliament (1818).
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(York, Samuel Smith, 1818)

58 George III – Chapter 16 (Session 3)

An act to alter and amend the laws now in force, for levying and collecting light house and tonnage duties, and to relieve vessels propelled by steam from paying the said duty on the space occupied by the engine, machinery, and fuel. (Passed 27th November, 1818.)

Whereas by an act passed in the forty-third year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An act to explain and amend an act passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An act for granting to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, to and for the uses of this province, the like duties on goods, wares, and merchandize, brought into this province from the United States of America, as are now paid on goods, wares, and merchandize, imported from Great Britain and other places, and to provide more effectually for the collection and payment of duties on goods, wares, and merchandize, coming from the United States of America into this province, and also to establish a fund for the erection and repairing of light houses,'" it is enacted, that the sum of three pence per ton shall be demanded for every vessel, boat, raft, or other craft, of the burthen of ten tons and upwards, that may enter certain ports on lake Ontario, for light house and tonnage duty; and whereas it is inexpedient that such tonnage and light house duty should hereafter be enforced and collected at any port where there is no light house erected, or that such tonnage and light house duty should be paid on any vessel propelled by steam, on the space occupied by the engine, machinery and wood; be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An act for making more effectual provision for the government of the province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province,'" and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, the usual space occupied by the engine and machinery, with the requisite stowage of wood, be taken and considered to occupy one third part of such vessel, and be deducted from her full and actual admeasurement, nor shall the said vessel be liable to pay light house or tonnage duty on any more than two third parts of her actual admeasurement, any law or usage to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

II. And whereas it is expedient to alter and amend the laws now in force, as far as relates to levying and collecting tonnage and light house duty, be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no vessel, boat, raft, or other craft, of the burthen of ten tons and upwards, that shall enter any port within this province, shall be liable to pay

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