

That the Justices in their *First General Quarter Session* held in each County, annually, shall and are hereby impowered and directed to make Rules and Orders for the Regulation of the River Fishery in their respective Counties, as they from time to time shall find necessary for the Preservation thereof.

And it is hereby enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall presume to erect or set up any *Hedge, Weir, Fishgarth,* or other *Incumbrance,* or Place any *Seine* or *Leines* across any River in this Province, contrary to the Rules and Regulations so fixed on, and established by the Justices in their said *General Quarter Session, Annually,* such Person or Persons shall, upon due Conviction thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of *ten Pounds,* one half of which shall be for the Informer, and the other half for the Poor of the Townships, where the Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record,

This Act to continue, and be in force for the Space of *two Years,* from the Publication hereof, and until the End of the Session then next following.

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An Act in Addition to an Act intituled, an Act for altering and amending several Acts of this Province Relating to the Duties of Excise, on Wines, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, sold within this Province.

HEREAS by the above-mentioned Act, intituled, *an Act for altering and amending several Acts of this Province, Relating to the Duties of Excise on Wines, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, sold within this Province,* made and passed in the *third Year* of His Majesty's Reign, it is enacted " That no Merchant or Distiller of Spirituous Liquors, or other Person whatsoever (without Licence first obtained) shall Retail any Rum, or other distilled Spirituous Liquors, in less Quantity Cap.

“Quantity than *five Gallons*, to be delivered at one and the same Time, and that the Merchant, Distiller, or any other Person whatsoever, shall preserve upon file the Duplicates of all such Permits for the inspection of the Collector or Receiver, or Collectors or Receivers, or either of them, whenever thereto required, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of *ten Pounds* for each and every Offence, and that the Quantity contained in the said Permits upon file in the Custody of the said Merchant, Distiller, or other Person whatsoever, shall as far as they go, be sufficient to discharge him or them, of so much Stock, as he or they shall have to bought, received or distilled as aforesaid.

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And whereas there [is] no precise Periods appointed by the said Act, for settling the Stock accounts with the Merchants or other Persons, who enter Stock with the Collectors or Receivers in obedience to the said Act, and that no Provision is thereby made for obliging the Persons who have Stock, to pay an Excise on what may be found deficient upon Ballancing the said Stock Accounts.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Persons entering Stock as aforesaid, with the Collector or Receiver, or Collectors or Receivers of the Duties, shall at the end of each Quarter, Ballance, and settle their Stock Accounts, with the said Collectors at their Office.

And be it further enacted, That the Publick Sworn Gaugers, shall have Power to gauge the Whole of the Stock in the Cellars or Store-houses, of all Persons entering such Stock, previous to the Ballancing and settling the said Stock Accounts at the End of each Quarter, and the Certificate of the said Gaugers of the Quantity in Store unfold with the Permits, that have been filed according to Law, shall serve as Vouchers for the Settlement of all such Stock Accounts.

*And be it also further enacted, That all Merchants or other Persons entering Stock as aforesaid, shall Account with and pay to the Collector or Receiver or Collectors or Receivers aforesaid, or either of them, the Duty of Excise appointed by Law for whatever Quantity of Excisable Liquors shall be found deficient at the time of making such Settlements, and that under the Penalty of *ten Pounds* for each and every Offence, to be sued for, Recovered, and applied in the like manner as the other Penalties are recoverable, and applied by the Act aforesaid recited.*

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