

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Monday the 2nd day of October, 1758, in the 32nd year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by Prorogation until Wednesday the first day of August 1759, in the 33rd Year of His Majesty's Reign.

33 George II – Chapter 2 (Session 1)

An Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island.

Whereas by an act of the General Assembly of this province, intituled An Act for erecting a Light-House at Entrance of the Harbour of Halifax, made and passed at their session begun and holden at Halifax, the second day of October, 1758, the sum of one thousand pounds out of the monies then in the treasury of the province, collected from the duties on spirituous liquors, was appropriated for the erecting a light-house on the island commonly called and known by the name of Sambro Outer-Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Halifax: and it was enacted, that untill such light-house should be erected the Commissioners appointed for carrying the said act into execution, should cause a beacon and light to be placed on the said island for the benefit of vessels coming into the said harbour.

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that from and after the first day of September next, there shall be paid by the master of every merchant vessel coming into or going out of the harbour of Halifax, at her going out of the said Harbour, (other than coasters and fishing vessels, and such transport or other vessels employed in His Majesty's service as shall, by their charter party, be exempted from paying port charges) a duty of six pence per ton currency, for so many tons as shall appear to the satisfaction of the receiver, or by the oath of the master, (which oath the said receiver is hereby authorized to administer) to be the real burthen thereof.

Provided, that all ships or vessels wholly belonging to any person, that is a freeholder and inhabitant in the province, shall only pay four pence per ton: the said duty to be paid before clearing the said vessel, to such person or persons as shall hereafter be appointed by his Excellency the Governor for that purpose; who are hereby authorized to demand and receive the same, and upon refusal of Payment, to sue for and recover the said duty before two of His Majesty's justices of the peace, or in case the sum shall not exceed forty shillings, before one justice.

And be it further enacted, that no vessel shall be deemed a fishing vessel, within the meaning of this act, excepting such as shall be wholly employed in that business, nor shall any vessel be deemed a coaster, excepting such as shall be wholly employed within the Province.

And be it further enacted, that every coasting vessel shall pay, in lieu of the said duty, at the rate of twenty shillings per annum, and no more, to be received and recovered in manner as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, that all monies arising by the aforesaid duty shall be paid into the treasury of the province, and be applied towards the support of the said light-house; to be issued for the said purpose, by warrant under the hand and seal of the governor or commander in chief for the time being, of the Province; and in case there be more monies raised than is necessary for the support of the said light-house, the surplusage to be applied to the uses of the government.