

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Twenty Fifth Day of October, 1787, in the Twenty Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Third Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

28 George III – Chapter 3

An Act for Regulating and Maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne.

Whereas it is necessary for the safety of the navigation of this province, that there be a light house [lighthouse] erected on the island commonly called McNutts Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Shelburne, for the maintenance whereof;

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, there shall be paid by the master of every merchant vessel coming into or going out of the said harbour (other than coasters and fishing vessels, belonging to the province, and such transports or other vessels employed in his Majesty's service, as shall by their charter party be exempted from paying port charges) a duty of four pence per ton currency, for so many tons as shall appear by her register or otherwise. Provided, that all ships or vessels wholly belonging to any person that is a freeholder and inhabitant in this province, shall only pay three 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 Lieutenant 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 same shall not exceed forty shillings, before one justice.

II. 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.

III. 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 one shilling for every ton they may measure above twenty tons and no more, to be received and recovered in manner as aforesaid.

IV. 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 Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being of the province, and in case there be

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more monies than is necessary for the support of the said light house, the surplus to be applied to the uses of the government.