

CAP. X.

An ACT to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, to administer the Oath or Oaths, or if to a Quaker, Affirmation, by Law required to be administered to such Person or Persons, as the said Sheriffs may respectively have occasion to employ as Appraiser or Appraisers of Goods, Chattels, Lands, or other real Estates by them attached on *mesne process*, or taken in Execution.

For Acts on this subject, see note on 23d Geo. cap. 1.

WHEREAS inconveniences have been experienced from the Sheriffs in their respective counties, not being authorized to administer the oath or oaths by law required to be taken, by persons whom they are obliged to employ to appraise goods, chattels, lands, or other real estates, by them attached on *mesne process* or taken in execution :

Preamble.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, That from and after the publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriffs, in the respective counties, to administer the oaths, or if to a Quaker, the affirmation, by law required to be taken, by all and every person or persons, whom they shall from time to time have occasion to employ, in appraising goods, chattels, lands, or other real estates, by them hereafter to be attached on *mesne process*, or taken in execution.

Sheriffs authorized to administer oaths to persons employed by them as appraisers.

CAP. XI.

An ACT in addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth year of the reign of His present Majesty, entitled, An Act declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation to Great-Britain.

See 12th Geo. 3d. cap. 3.

WHEREAS by experience it is found, that the Act, declaring what shall be deemed merchantable square timber for exportation, is insufficient for the purposes intended :

Preamble.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the first day of December next, all square strait timber, thereafter to be exported from this Province to Great-Britain or Ireland, shall be truly lined, well squared, and square butted at both ends, shall have not more than one inch wein thereon, shall have no appearance of the narrow axe scoring left, to be detrimental to the stick, and shall not have any rots, splits, or worm holes therein ; and if the sticks or joints are sixteen feet in length, or under, shall be of equal dimensions at both ends, and that no joints or sticks of pine or spruce timber, shall be less than twelve feet in length, or of birch, or other wood, commonly called hard wood, shall be less than four feet in length. And if any person or persons from and after the first day of December next, shall survey and certify, as merchantable for the British or Irish market, or shall export from this Province to Great-Britain or Ireland, any square timber, as aforesaid, not answering the above description, every person or persons so offending, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten pounds, for each and every offence, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, in any Court of Record within this Province, the one half to the use of His Majesty, His heirs and successors, the other moiety to him, or them, who will sue for the same.

Exportation of Timber to Great-Britain or Ireland

Size of Timber, for exportation, established.

Penalty for false survey, and for exporting unmerchantable Timber.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Surveyor or Surveyors of

Allowance to all Surveyors.