

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

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all such Timber, shall be paid, and receive, two pence per ton, with reasonable travelling charges for their trouble in surveying, and no more.

CAP. XII.

An ACT for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty-second year of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled, an Act to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other Fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of Halifax, to the Town Plot of Dartmouth.

For Acts on this subject, see note on 32d Geo. 2d. cap. 2.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary for the safety of the inhabitants of the town plot of Dartmouth, that an Act passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other Fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of Halifax, should be extended to the said town plot of Dartmouth :

Act to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns in the town of Halifax, &c. extended to Town Plot of Dartmouth.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That every matter, clause and thing, contained in the above recited Act, shall be, and the same is hereby extended to the said town plot of Dartmouth.*

CAP. XIII.

An ACT for providing for the Support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province.

For Acts on this subject, see note on 32d Geo. 3d. cap. 13.

Additional duties on wine, rum, &c. and brown sugar.

Duties on molasses, coffee, porter, beer, loaf sugar, gun-powder, and teas.

Duty on rum or spirits.
On wine.
On molasses.

On brown sugar.
On Coffee.

On refined sugar.
On gun-powder.
On bohea tea.
On other teas.

Duty on porter, or beer, per hhd. and doz. bottles.

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, That from and after the publication hereof there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this Province, on all wine, rum and other distilled spirituous liquors, and brown sugar (maple sugar excepted) hereafter to be imported into, or manufactured within, this Province, the additional rates, duties and impositions, herein after mentioned, and upon all molasses, coffee, porter, beer, loaf sugar, gun-powder and teas, which shall hereafter be imported into, or manufactured within, this Province, the respective rates, duties and impositions, herein after mentioned, that is to say:

For and upon every gallon of rum, and other distilled spirituous liquors, six pence.

For and upon every gallon of wine, nine pence.

For and upon every gallon of molasses, one penny.

For and upon every hundred weight of brown sugar, two shillings and six pence.

For and upon every pound of coffee, one penny.

For and upon every pound of refined sugar, one penny and one halfpenny.

For and upon every pound of gun-powder, two pence.

For and upon every pound of bohea tea, one penny.

For and upon every pound of all other teas, four pence.

For and upon every hoghead of porter, or beer, seven shillings and six pence.

For and upon every dozen bottles of porter, or beer, six pence : to be paid by the importer thereof.

II. *Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall, from and*