

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 Fifth Day of March, 1789, in the Twenty Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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In Amendment of an Act made in the second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber," and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

Whereas it is found from experience that our present regulations respecting the exportation of fish, are in many cases defective, for remedy whereof.

- I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, when pickled fish, of any description, shall be offered for sale in any town, district or fishing port, within the province, and the same shall appear to be in any wise unmerchantable, it shall and may be lawful for the surveyor or surveyors for the town, district or fishing port where such fish shall be so offered, to call in any three persons, accustomed to deal in, or having knowledge of the requisite qualities of such articles, and if they shall be of the opinion, that the fish so offered are unsound, that then and in such cases the surveyor before whom such inquest shall be had, shall destroy the same.
- II. And be it further enacted, that if any surveyor or surveyors shall suffer any owner or other person for him to remove or carry such condemned or unsound fish, that they shall upon conviction forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings per barrel, for each and every barrel so removed, the same to be recovered on the oath of one creditable witness before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and applied to the use of the poor.
- III. And be it further enacted, that all matters of vessels carrying merchantable dried fish to any European market, or any kind of pickled fish to any foreign market, shall be obliged to produce the certificate of the sworn culler of dried fish and the certificate of the sworn surveyor of pickled fish, to the collector and naval officer of the port whose vessel shall be laden before he can obtain a clearance.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that all salmon tierces shall be made to contain forty-two gallons at least, and not less than two hundred and eighty pounds of fish, exclusive of salt and pickle.
- V. And be it further enacted, that in future all pickled fish shall be packed in barrels containing thirty gallons, and no less, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

VI. And be it further enacted, that if any surveyor of fish or lumber of different kinds, shall pass any fish or lumber as merchantable, which is not merchantable, or that refuse or neglect to do with such unmerchantable, or shall refuse or neglect to do with such unmerchantable fish, lumber, hoops, staves, shingles, clapboards or any other species of lumber, what the act of which this is an act in amendment directs, such surveyor, shall forfeit and pay the full value of the fish or lumber of any kind which he shall so pass as merchantable, not being such, or which he shall neglect or refuse to destroy or dispose of as the law requires in such cases, the same to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and applied to the use of the poor.