

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of March, 1793, in the Thirty-Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the First Session of the Seventh General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.

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An Act to prevent obstruction of the Navigation in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers and Creeks, within this Province.

Whereas much injury hath of late happened, by the practice of heaving ballast over the sides of ships, and other vessels, coming into the ports, harbours, rivers and creeks, within this province; for remedy whereof:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, no ballast shall be unladen, or thrown overboard, from any ship, vessel, or boat, below high water mark, into any port, harbor, river or creek, within this province, or at the entrance into the same; and that if any master or seamen, or other person on board any ship, vessel, or boat, shall unlade, or throw from on board any ship vessel or boat, any ballast, below high water mark, into any port, harbor, creek or river, or at the entrance of the same, such master, seaman, or other person, shall be obliged to remove such ballast or impediment, or in default thereof, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty five pounds, to be sued for and recovered, by information or complaint, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the county wherein such offence shall be committed, one half of which penalty shall be to the use of the person or persons who shall sue for the same, the other half to the use of the poor of the township wherein the offence shall be committed, subject to an appeal to the court of common pleas, in, and for the county where such offence shall be committed, upon security given, for prosecuting the same to effect.