

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Fifth day of February 1818, in the Fifty-Eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Eighth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

58 George III – Chapter 31

An Act to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing Obstructions in bringing the same, with other Articles, down the several Rivers in this Province.

Whereas, it is expedient to encourage persons concerned in the timber and lumber trade of this province, by making such enactments or regulations as will effectually remove and prevent the difficulties now experienced by them in bringing those articles down the rivers in this province to market:

- I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall be lawful for any person or persons to bring down, on any of the fresh water rivers in this province, logs, timber, and lumber of any kind, at such times, and seasons of the year, as the justices in their sessions may appoint, taking care to do as little damage to the owner or owners of the soil adjoining such rivers as possible.
- II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons so concerned in the timber and lumber trade, to remove, or cause to be removed, all obstructions of trees, stones, logs or rubbish, in such river or rivers, at such times and seasons as may be most convenient, under such rules and regulations as shall be established by the court of general sessions of the peace, or by any court of special session to be held for that purpose, in such county or district where such rivers are situate. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorise the removal of any mill-dam or dams which may have been put or placed upon or across such rivers.
- III. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said court of general or special sessions in and for each county and district in this province, to make such rules and regulations respecting the bringing down the several rivers in such county or district, timber, lumber, and other articles, as may be necessary for that purpose, and to impose a penalty or penalties for the breach of such regulations, not less than five shillings, not more than two pounds: to be recovered, by bill, plaint or information, in any of His Majesty's courts of record in this province, on the oath of one credible witness: one moiety whereof to go to the informer, who shall sue and prosecute for the same, the other half to the repair of the roads and bridges in such county or district wherein the offence is committed.

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IV. And be it further enacted, that this act shall be, and continue, in force for the term of one year from the publication thereof, and from thence to the end of the next general assembly, and no longer.