

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Fourteenth Day of February, 1822, in the Third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. and ended on the Third Day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, being the First Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

3 George IV – Chapter 25

An Act to provide for the support of a Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

Whereas a light-house has been erected at a great expense, on Cranberry Island, at the entrance of the Gut of Canso, which has been found highly useful to all vessels, passing in or out of the said Gut of Canso, or navigating to or from the harbours contiguous to the entrance into the said gut, and it has become necessary to provide funds, to support and maintain the said building, and the light kept therein:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful, for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint and establish so many fit and proper persons as may hereafter be thought necessary, at any or all of the harbours, creek and places, within the gulf of St. Lawrence, in the said Gut of Canso, in the island of Cape-Breton, and in the harbours, creeks and rivers, contiguous to the entrance of the said gut, with full powers to collect, and receive, the duties by this act imposed for the support of the said light-house.

II. And be it further enacted, that the same light duties which are now paid by vessels entering the harbour of Halifax, shall hereafter be paid by all ships and vessels, of every country, kind and description, which shall enter, and come to anchor, in any port or place, on the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, in this province; in the gut of Canso; Saint Andrews Passage; the harbour of Little Canso; Saint Peters, in the island of Cape-Breton; Arichat, or any of the harbours of the island of Madame [Ile Madame]: provided always, that no light-duty for the said light-house shall be required or paid by any ship or vessel entering into any of the said harbours or places, and anchoring therein as aforesaid, which shall have paid any light-duty upon the said voyage for any other light-house within the province.

III. And be it further enacted, that all the provisions, clauses and regulations, mentioned and contained in an act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, "An Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island;" in an act, passed in the thirty-third year of the same King's reign, entitled, "An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the first before-recited Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island;" in an act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, in addition to, and amendment of, the said first recited act; in an act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of the same King's reign, entitled, "An

Act to authorise the appointing of Commissioners for Light-Houses;" and also in an act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the same King's reign, entitled, "An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House at the South End of Coffin's Island, at the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour:" and all and every other clause or provision, which regulates the light-houses of the province, and provides for collecting the light-duties, and compelling the payment thereof; and regulating the expenditure of the monies so collected, the powers of the collectors, and the allowance for collecting, and all other matters and things relative thereto, are hereby extended to the said light-house at Cranberry Island, and are, and shall be made, applicable to enforce and compel the payment of the duties hereby imposed for the support of the said light-house on Cranberry Island.

IV. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any of the said collectors, appointed by virtue of this act, to call to their aid, in the execution thereof, all magistrates, constables, and peace officers, and all others His Majesty's subjects, who are hereby bound, when so required, to afford the said collector or collectors every help and assistance in their power, to compel the payment of the duty imposed by this act, unless the master or person having charge of such vessel, shall produce a light-bill and receipt, or discharge, for such duty, from some one of the collectors appointed to receive the same; which light-bills the commissioners shall provide in proper form, and supply the said collectors with the same; and in case the master, owner or person, having charge of any such vessel, shall refuse to pay such duty, it shall be lawful for any of the said collectors to seize the same, and to proceed as is directed in and by the said before-recited acts, to levy the said duties, together with the penalties and forfeitures in and by the said acts directed and imposed.

V. And be it further enacted, that all the rules and regulations, which are, by the before recited acts, made applicable to coasting and fishing vessels, shall be applied to the coasting and fishing vessels which are solely and wholly owned by any person or persons residing on the shores, and carrying on business within the limits and precincts herein before appointed for the said light-house; and if any question shall arise respecting the ownership of any ship or vessel, or whether the same be liable to the coasting regulations, or to the duties to be paid by resident or non-resident owners, the same shall be determined by the certificate of registry, and other custom-house papers.

VI. And be it further enacted, that all vessels that are owned by the inhabitants of the province, and are employed in the fisheries during the seasons for fishing, shall be deemed fishing vessels, within the true intent and meaning of the aforesaid acts, and be entitled to an exemption from the payment of light-duties, save the twenty shillings a year, notwithstanding such vessels may be, at other seasons, employed on coasting voyages.

VII. And be it further enacted, that if any collector or other person shall be sued for any thing done by him, under this act, it shall be lawful for him to plead to the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.

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VIII. And be it enacted, that this act shall be, and continue, in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.