

CAP. XI.

An ACT to alter an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That, from and after the publication of this Act, if any Goods, Wares or Merchandise, shall be found in the custody or possession of any Shopkeeper or Trader, of the value of Five Pounds, or upwards, without a certificate that the Duty of Excise has been paid or secured thereon, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares or Merchandise, imported into this Province, such Shopkeeper or Trader shall be subject, for such offence, to a penalty not less than Five Pounds, nor exceeding Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by any person who will prosecute and sue for the same: one half of the penalty to go to the informer, the other half to the King, for the use of the Province.

Contraband Goods found in possession of Shopkeepers, &c.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act, and every matter and thing therein contained, shall be and continue in force until the twenty-fifth day of March, which will be in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-four, and no longer.

Continuation of Act

CAP. XII.

An ACT in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to issue Treasury Notes.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by Warrant, or otherwise, to direct the Commissioners appointed under the said Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to issue Treasury Notes, or any other Act, now in force, relating to Treasury Notes, to make a further issue of Treasury Notes to any amount, not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds: the said Notes, so to be issued, shall be One Pound Notes, and Two Pound Notes, and shall bear date the First Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-three, and be of the same form, signed, countersigned and delivered, and shall be paid, and received in payment, in like manner, and again re-issued, under the rules, regulations, restrictions, pains, penalties and provisions, as are mentioned and contained in the said Act of which this is an addition.

Further issue of Treasury Notes

Amount and description of Notes to be issued

II.

Funding, and
cancelling, &c.
of Notes

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Treasury Notes, so to be issued under this Act, shall be funded, cancelled, and others issued in lieu thereof, under the rules, regulations, pains, penalties and provisions, and as if the same had been issued under the authority of an Act, passed in the first year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to authorise the cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof.

CAP. XIII.

An ACT for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, prescribing their power and authority, and for repealing the Acts now in force relating to that Office.

Preamble

WHEREAS great quantities of marsh, meadows and low grounds, in this Province, and particularly in the Bay of Fundy, and rivers, bays and creeks, branching therefrom, are spoiled by overflowing of the sea, and other waters, which by industry may be greatly improved, as well for the general good as for the benefit and profit of the owners; and also much meadow and pasture land might be gained out of swamps and other rough and unprofitable grounds, by drowning and draining the same: to the intent therefore that proprietors of such marshes, meadows and low grounds, may be encouraged and enabled to raise dykes, and remove such obstructions, as to prevent these lands from being immediately useful:

Appointment,
powers and du-
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ers

I. *BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, upon request of any of the proprietors of such lands, to grant Commissions of Sewers, to such and so many able and discreet persons as to him shall seem meet, for the building and repairing such dykes and wears as are necessary to prevent inundations, and also for damming and flowing, and draining, such swamps and other unprofitable lands, which Commissioners shall be, and are hereby authorised, and empowered, to meet and convene together, from time to time as occasion may require, to view, consider, consult and contrive, such ways and methods for building and repairing such dykes and wears as are necessary to prevent inundations, and for the drowning and draining of swamps and other unprofitable land, and to employ workmen and labourers for such reasonable wages as may be agreed upon for the effecting the premises, and from time to time, to assess and tax the owners or possessors of such meadows, marshes, or such unprofitable swamps and lands as aforesaid, towards the charge thereof, having regard to each person's quantity of land and benefits to be received thereby, equally, according to the best of their judgment, and also to appoint and swear a Collector or Collectors for collecting and paying the same to such person or persons as by the said Commissioners shall be appointed to receive the same, with powers to distrain all such persons as shall neglect or refuse to make payment of his, her or their, parts or proportions set and assessed, as aforesaid, in such manner as is usually done in like cases, and to call before them the said Collector or Collectors to account for his or their trusts in the premises.

Assessment of
Proprietors

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