

pleting of the said Navigation as shall satisfy the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, that there is a reasonable prospect that such Corporation shall, within a limited period, be able to complete the said Navigable Canal, then and in such case this Act, and every matter and thing therein contained, shall cease, and be no longer in force.

CAP. IV.

An ACT to Punish Persons guilty of maliciously killing or maiming Cattle.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any Person or Persons shall, maliciously, unlawfully and willingly, kill, maim, wound, or otherwise hurt, any Horse, Mare, Gelding, Ox, Bull, Cow, Steer, Heifer, Sheep, or other Cattle, every such Offender or Offenders shall forfeit and pay unto the Party aggrieved, treble the damage which he or they shall sustain; to be recovered by action of trespass, or upon the case, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province.

Treble damages to be paid by Persons maliciously killing or maiming Cattle

II. *And be it further enacted*, That any Person or Persons who shall be duly convicted of such offence, in His Majesty's Supreme Court, or General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, shall suffer such punishment by Imprisonment, or Public Whipping, as such such Court shall, in their discretion, adjudge. *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained, shall subject any Person to be punished or imprisoned, under the directions of this clause, who shall be proceeded against for damages by the Party aggrieved; nor shall any person who shall have been punished or imprisoned, under the directions of this clause, be liable to any suit or action, at the instance of the party aggrieved, but such punishment or imprisonment shall be forever a bar to any such Action or Suit.

Offenders subjected to Public Punishment
Provide

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the Act, passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of Cattle," with every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Act 8th Geo. III. repealed

CAP. V.

An ACT in amendment of an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province.

WHEREAS, by the third Section of the abovementioned Act, it is enacted, that no Attorney shall have, take or retain, any Clerk, who shall become bound, by contract in writing, after such Attorney

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ney shall have discontinued or left off, or during such time as he shall not actually practice or carry on the business of an Attorney; and Whereas, doubts are entertained whether the Prothonotary, or Deputy-Prothonotary, at Halifax, being Barristers and Attornies, can now have, take or retain, any Clerk under the provisions of the said Act:

Clerk to Prothonotary allowed and entitled to admission

I. *BE it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That any Prothonotary or Deputy-Prothonotary in the Province, being a Barrister or Attorney, shall and may have, take and retain, one Clerk, who shall be subject to the same rules, regulations and directions, as in the said recited Act contained, and shall be entitled to admission in all other respects as Clerks of Attornies, actually carrying on the business of an Attorney.*

CAP. VI.

An ACT relating to Brandy imported from certain Places.

Preamble

WHEREAS the Trade and Intercourse between this Province and the Foreign Ports in Europe and Africa is highly advantageous to the People of this Colony, and tends greatly to the encouragement of the Fisheries thereof:

AND WHEREAS, for the further increase and promotion of such Trade and Intercourse it is expedient to reduce the duties payable on Brandy, imported from such Foreign Ports:

Duty upon Brandy imported from Foreign Ports

I. *BE it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and Assembly, That, during the continuance of this Act, instead of the Rates and Duties imposed and payable under the present, or any future Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid, a Duty of Six Pence, currency, for every gallon of Brandy imported into this Province from any Foreign Port in Europe or Africa, or from Gibraltar, Malta or the Dependencies thereof, which Duty of Six Pence shall be raised, levied, collected and paid, in the like manner, and subject to the like rules, ways and methods, and under such penalties and forfeitures, as the Duties and Rates hereby reduced.*

Continuation of Act

II. *And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force, until the twenty-fifth day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five, and no longer.*

CAP. VII.

An ACT to restrain the issuing Writs of Attachment in certain Cases;

Writ of Attachment limited

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the publication hereof, whenever an Attachment shall issue against the Goods, Chattles