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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday, the First day of February, 1826, in the Seventh 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. being the Sixth Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

7 George IV – Chapter 35

An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, relating to the quality and exportation of Ton Timber.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication of this act, each and every surveyor and surveyors of ton timber, who shall be called upon either by the vendor or purchaser thereof, shall, at the time of making survey of the same, mark in figures on each and every stick of ton timber, by him surveyed, the exact number of square feet such stick shall contain, together with the initial letters of his own name, and of that of the private mark of the purchaser, and shall forthwith make out and deliver to such vendor or purchaser a bill of survey of such timber, specifying the number and contents of each stick, the quality thereof, whether hardwood, pine, spruce, or other kind of timber; and also, whether the same be merchantable or not merchantable, according to the provisions of the act to which this is in addition.

II. And be it further enacted, that if any person shall cut, deface, or otherwise destroy, any marks, so to be made upon any stick of ton timber, without the knowledge or permission of the owner thereof, every such person, so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, a sum not exceeding twenty shillings, nor less than five shillings; to be recovered on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, or on the confession of the party, before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, in and for the county or district where such offence shall have been committed; the same to be levied with lawful costs either on the person or property of the offender, and paid to the informer.