

An Ordinance to prevent Wasteful  
 destruction of Pine or other Timber Trees on certain  
 reserved and ungranted Lands in the Government  
 of Massachusetts —

Whereas His Majesty's Surveyor  
 General of the Woods has reserved and set apart  
 several Tracts of Land within this Government  
 for the special purpose of securing to the Crown  
 a fund for the supply of masts, and Ship  
 Timber for the Royal Navy. —

In Order therefore that the  
 same be effectually secured against any  
 Wasteful Infringement. —

Be it Ordained by the —

Lieutenant Governor and Council - That if any

Person shall spoil, cut down or <sup>any</sup> otherwise

injure, <sup>or destroy</sup> any Pines of any Dimensions whatever

or any other Timber Trees growing on the

above



upon reserved reserved ungranted Lands or shall  
cause the same to be done, or shall cut down  
or carry off any Tree fit for a Mast from the  
said Premises, for every Tree so cut down or  
carried off, and for each and every Offence, or  
without having first obtained a License therefor  
from the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods  
or his Deputy certifying that the said Pine  
Trees and other Timber are unfit for His Majesty's  
use, or that the same is for the sole use of His  
Majesty and for no other purpose, all such  
Persons being duly convicted of the Waste and  
Trespas aforesaid, he, or they shall forfeit  
and Pay to His Majesty a Fine not exceeding  
One Hundred Pounds on due Conviction  
thereof before any of His Majesty's Courts of

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Record in any County within this  
Government by Action of Debt, Bill,  
Plaint, or Information - one half of the  
said Fine to be paid to the Informer the  
other half to His Majesty for the use of this  
Government.

And it is further Ordained  
That if such Offender on due Conviction shall  
be unable to pay such Fine, that it shall  
and may be lawful for such Court before  
which the Conviction shall be made, to  
Imprison such Offender for the Space of six  
Months without Bail or Main: Prize.

And Whereas the setting  
Fire to any Wood Lands is often attended with  
great destruction of Timber Trees, and otherwise  
destroys and prevents their Growth.

But it is Ordained by the  
Authority



