

draw any seine, on the said shores of such rivers, coves or creeks between high and low water marks, except the owner or owners, or lawful possessor or possessors thereof, or persons by virtue of their leave or license, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIV. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force *two years* and no longer. Limitation.

C A P. XIV.

An Act for the SUPPORT and RELIEF of
CONFINED DEBTORS.

I. **B**E IT ENACTED, *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That when ever any person, committed to any Goal in this province, for debt not exceeding *one hundred pounds* at the suit of any creditor, shall be incapable to provide or secure their necessary support, it shall be lawful for such debtor after *fourteen* days confinement, to make application to any Justice of the Court out of which the process issued, upon which such debtor shall be confined, for a weekly support or maintenance: And such Justice, after *fourteen* days previous notice to such creditor or his attorney, shall examine on oath such confined debtor or any witness produced, as to the ability of such debtor to support him or herself, and if on examination to be taken in writing on oath as aforesaid, which shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court out of which such process issued as aforesaid, it shall appear to such Justice that such debtor is utterly unable to support him or herself, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to make an order for such creditor to pay such debtor a weekly sum to be applied for the support of such debtor; which sum shall be paid weekly, and from the *first* day of *November* until the *last* day of *March* shall be *three shillings and six pence* per week, and the remainder of the year *two shillings and six pence* per week; And after such order it shall be the duty of such creditor to pay such weekly support, and in case of failure thereof it shall and may be lawful for any such Justice as aforesaid, on such failure being made known to him to make an order under his hand and seal to the Sheriff or Gaoler to discharge the said debtor out of confinement. P R O V I D E D, That nothing in this act shall prevent such creditor from prosecuting his suit (if on mesne process) to final judgment; or from taking out his *Fieri Facias*

Persons committed to Goal for debt and being unable to support themselves

may apply for a weekly maintenance to a Justice of the Court from which process issued. Justice to examine debtors or witnesses

and order a weekly support to be paid such debtors by the creditors,

and in case of failure the debtor to be discharged.

Proviso.

Facias against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of such debtor in the same manner as if no application or order had been made in manner aforesaid.

Penalty of taking a false oath.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who shall be convicted of making or taking a false oath to any of the facts herein before directed or required to be sworn, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the pains and penalties to which persons are liable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Limitation.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force *three years* and no longer.

C A P. XV.

An ACT for laying an I M P O S T.

I. **B**E IT ENACTED, *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That from and after the *first* day of *April* next, there be, and hereby is granted to His MAJESTY his Heirs and Successors for the use of this province and for the support of the government thereof, the several rates and duties on the articles hereafter mentioned, which shall or may be brought or imported into any port or place within this province, except the produce or manufacture of *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*, directly imported from thence, to be paid by the importers thereof, that is to say, for every gallon of *Rum* or other distilled spirituous liquor *two-pence*, for every gross *hundred weight* of brown *Sugar* when landed, allowing *twenty* per cent for tare *two shillings*, for every pound of *Coffee*, *one-penny* and for every barrel of *Wheat* or *Rye Flour* the growth, produce or manufacture of any or either of the United States of *America*, *two shillings*, and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity.

Duties to be paid on Rum, brown Sugar,

Coffee, and Flour.

Duties to be paid at the time of importation,

unless they amount to, or upwards,

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the rates, duties and imposts to be raised and paid by virtue of this act, shall be paid at the time of the importation of such articles into the city and county of *Saint John*, unto the *Treasurer* of the province or his Deputy to be appointed in the manner hereafter mentioned, and at every other port or place unto his Deputy or Deputies in such county respectively where the same shall be imported, unless such duties on any one cargo shall amount to upwards of *ten pounds*, in which case the *Treasurer* or his Deputy upon such importer or owner giving bond with good and sufficient security in double the sum of the duties payable upon the articles as specified in the report estimating each hoghead of *sugar* at *fifteen hundred weight*,
may