

done within this Province.

Offenders on conviction to forfeit 10*l.* or be committed to Gaol.

Penalty—half to the Informer—half to the Poor.

Treasurer to enforce the Act.

Limitation.

vince or dispose of within the same, any articles of Merchandise whatever.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That for each and every such offence, the offender shall on conviction forfeit and pay a fine of Ten Pounds, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, Town or Parish, where the offence is committed, to be levied of his goods and chattels, and for want thereof such offender to be committed to the common Gaol for a time not less than One Month nor exceeding Three Months; one half of such forfeiture to be to the Person or Persons complaining of and suing for the same, and the other half to the benefit of the Poor of the Town or Parish where such offence has been committed.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer in the City and County of *Saint John*, and of his Deputies in the respective Counties to enforce this Act.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for Three Years and no longer.

CAP. IV.

An ACT for the better REGULATING the WEIGHT and RATES at which GOLD COIN shall pass current in this Province. Passed the 5th of March, 1805.

WHEREAS it will tend to prevent the diminution of Gold specie circulating in this Province that the same be regulated according to a standard that shall not present an advantage by carrying it into the neighbouring Countries: AND WHEREAS an advantage does arise by carrying Gold Coin out of the same.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the PRESIDENT, Council and Assembly*, That the Gold Coin hereafter mentioned, shall pass current and be a legal tender in payment

Gold Coin to be a legal tender at the weight and rates following,

*Disallowed
by the King*

Preamble.

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payment of all Debts and demands whatever in this Province, at the weight and rates following, that is to say—the British Guinea weighing five penny-weight and six grains Troy, at one pound, three shillings and four pence; the Johannes of Portugal, weighing eighteen penny-weight Troy, at four pounds; the Moidore, of Portugal, weighing six penny-weight and eighteen grains Troy, at one pound, ten shillings; the milled Doubloon or four pistole piece of Spain, weighing seventeen penny-weight Troy, at three pounds, fourteen shillings; the French Louis d'or coined before the year one Thousand seven Hundred and ninety-Three, weighing five penny-weight and four grains Troy, at one pound, two shillings and six pence; the French Pistole piece, coined before the same period, weighing four penny-weight and four grains Troy, at eighteen shillings; the American Eagle piece, weighing eleven penny-weight and six grains Troy, at two pounds and ten shillings. And all the higher and lower denominations of Gold Coin shall also pass current and be a legal tender in payment of all Debts and demands whatsoever in this Province, in the same proportion respectively.

British Guinea at
5d. 6gr. 1℥ 3s 4d

Johannes of Portugal 18d. 4℥.

Moidore of Portugal 6d. 18gr.

1℥ 1cs.
Doubloon of Spain 17d. 3℥ 14s.

French Louis d' or 5d. 4gr. 1℥ 2s 6d.

French Pistole 4d. 4gr. 18s.

American Eagle 11d. 6gr. 2℥ 10s

and all higher & lower denominations of Gold Coin in the same proportion.

For every Grain which any piece weighs more or less than the standard, 2d ½ to be added or deducted.

In all payments exceeding 50℥. Gold may be weighed in bulk.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That for every Grain which any piece of the aforesaid Gold Coins shall respectively weigh more than the standard aforesaid, there shall be allowed and added in all payments made in pieces of Gold Coin by detail, two pence and one farthing Currency; and for every Grain which any piece of the same shall respectively weigh less than the standard aforesaid, there shall be deducted in all such payments two pence and one farthing Currency.

III. *AND WHEREAS* it would be a great facility in making payments if Gold Coin was weighed in bulk and not in single pieces; *Be it therefore enacted*, That in every payment exceeding the sum of Fifty Pounds, which shall be made in Gold Coin after the first day of *May* next, when one of the parties making

Gold of Great-Britain, Portugal and America together, & that of Spain and France together.

A deduction to be made of two-thirds of a grain for each piece weighed.

Gold of Great-Britain, Portugal & America to be computed at 89s. per ounce, & that of Spain & France at 87s. after deduction made.

No plugged gold to be a lawful tender.

king or receiving the same shall require it, such Gold shall be weighed in bulk and not in single pieces, that is to say—the Gold of *Great-Britain*, *Portugal* and *America* together, and that of *Spain* and *France* together, from the weight of which a deduction shall be made of two thirds of a grain Troy, for each piece of Gold Coin so weighed, as a compensation for the loss that may accrue by paying away the same in detail; and in all payments so made the Gold Coin of *Great-Britain*, *Portugal* and *America*, shall be computed at the rate of eighty-nine shillings Currency for each ounce Troy, and that of *Spain* and *France* at the rate of eighty-seven shillings Currency for each ounce Troy therein contained, after such deduction made, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That no plugged Gold of any kind, shall from and after the passing of this Act, be a lawful tender in this Province.

CAP: V.

AN ACT TO CONTINUE an Act, intituled, “An Act for the better SECURING the NAVIGATION of “PASSAMAQUODDY BAY, within DEER ISLAND.”
Passed the 5th of March, 1805.

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act made and passed in the Forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, “An Act for the better securing the Navigation of “*Passamaquoddy Bay* within *Deer-Island*,” will expire on the Fourteenth day of *February*, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six. AND WHEREAS it is found necessary to continue the same on account of the expence which was formerly incurred in erecting Beacons, not being yet defrayed; and likewise the further expence arising from replacing by Buoys those Beacons which have been at different times carried away in consequence of gales of Wind and other accidents.

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