

Pilots may be removed by Justices of the Common Pleas, upon complaint of Port Wardens, proved by one credible witness.

bly, That it shall be the duty of the Justices of the Common Pleas in each County where Pilots have been or hereafter may be appointed, to inquire into complaints preferred against any such Pilot by the Wardens of the Ports respectively where such Pilot shall have been approved and appointed, and on satisfactory evidence being produced on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses of improper conduct, it shall and may be lawful for said Justices or the major part of them to remove from his Office such Pilot so convicted, and to declare him from that time not entitled to recover Pilotage from the Master or Owner of any Ship or Vessel he may presume to Pilot after such removal.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall interfere with the regulation of Pilots in the City of Saint John.

CAP. V.

An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land.

Passed the 22d of March, 1817.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the allowing of Bounties on Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, Barley and Oats, will tend to the encouragement of agriculture in this Province.

Bounties allowed on Grain raised on new Land, within two years from the time when it shall have been cleared.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly*, That there shall be allowed and paid for every Bushel of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, Barley and Oats, which shall be raised on any new Land in this Province, within two years from the time when the wood growing thereon shall have been cut down, burned or cleared off, and the said Land be laid down with grass seed or prepared for a second crop, the following Bounties, namely, for every Bushel of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn or Buckwheat, the sum of *one shilling*; for every Bushel of Barley, *eight-pence*, and for every Bushel of Oats, *four-pence*.

Proof to be made by the owner of the Land, to entitle him to the Bounty,

II. *And be it further enacted*, That to entitle any owner or occupier of Land to the foregoing Bounties, he shall first take the following Oath, the same to be set down in writing and his name thereto subscribed, namely,

I do swear that _____ bushels of _____ were really and truly raised on the Land occupied by me, and are actually of the Crop of the _____ year _____ and that the wood was cut down, burnt or cleared off from the Land on which the same was raised within two years previous to the time that the said Crop was taken off, which said Oath shall be made before any Justice of the Peace of the County wherein such person shall reside, who is hereby authorised to administer the same, and which Oath shall be accompanied by a certificate of such Justice, that he verily believes the facts stated therein to be true.

Before a Justice of the Peace.

Justices in Sessions after six weeks notice, to determine claims for Bounties, on oath of the Party, and certificate,

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties at their General Sessions or at any Special Sessions holden for that

that purpose, first giving six weeks previous notice of such Special Sessions to determine and settle all claims for Bounties given by this Act, and they shall determine the same on the Oath and Certificate herein-before required to be made being produced before them, or on the Oath of the person claiming the Bounty, being made before them at such General or Special Sessions, and shall certify in one general Schedule all such claims as they shall then and there allow, and transmit the same to the Secretary of the Province.

And transmit certificates of claims allowed to the Secretary's Office.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, to draw by Warrant on the Treasurer, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, the amount of such Schedules in favor of the General or Special Sessions, which shall certify the same, and to be by them paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

Bounties to be paid by the Governor's Warrant, in favour of the Sessions and by them distributed.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That no Bounties shall be paid under and by virtue of this Act, until the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

No Bounties to be paid until 1818.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for three years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.

Limitation.

CAP. VI.

An Act in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the encumbering or filling up of Harbours and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-Masters."

Passed the 22d of March, 1817.

WHEREAS the penalties imposed in and by an Act made and passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the encumbering or filling up of Harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-Masters made perpetual by an Act made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, are made recoverable before two Justices of the Peace: AND WHEREAS the said Act has been violated with impunity in many of the Harbours, by reason that two Justices of the Peace were not found resident at or near the place to put the same in force, for remedy of which evil---

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly*, That henceforth in case two Justices shall not be found residing at or within ten miles of the place where such offence shall be committed, the several penalties in the said recited Act mentioned, may be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where the offence shall be committed in like manner as mentioned in the said recited Act.

If two Justices are not residing at or within ten miles of the place, the Penalties may be recovered before one Justice.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years and no longer.

Limitation.