

vice (which Oath such Justices are hereby empowered to administer) to issue their Warrant for bringing the offender before them, and to hear, examine and determine such complaint, and to punish the offender by commitment to the common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain and be corrected and held to hard labour for a reasonable time not exceeding one Calendar month.

## CAP. VI.

An Act to maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province.

*Passed the 7th of March 1826.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to maintain an Armed Cutter for enforcing the Revenue Laws of this Province.

Vessels arriving from Foreign Countries to land their Cargoes in the Harbours of the Free Ports under Penalty of £200,

to be recovered as directed by 3 sec. of the Act 3, Geo. 4. c. 9.

Tide Surveyors to attend to the unloading of Vessels arriving from foreign countries.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That all vessels, arriving from Foreign Countries, with Cargoes, shall land the same, in the Harbours of the respective Free Ports, in this Province, and at no other place; under the penalty of two hundred pounds, to be recovered in the same manner as is prescribed in the third Section of an Act made and passed in the third year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an "Act for raising "a Revenue in this Province," and to be paid as follows:---One moiety to the Informer, and the other moiety into the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, for the use thereof, and that it shall be the duty of the Tide Surveyors for the City and County of Saint John, and for the County of Charlotte respectively, to attend to the unloading of any

any vessel or vessels so arriving from any foreign Country with Cargoes as aforesaid, in the same manner, and under the same regulations as is prescribed in the eighth section of the before recited Act.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, to appoint four or more Commissioners, who shall have power to make all necessary contracts for the arming, furnishing and provisioning a proper vessel to be employed, in more effectually enforcing the Revenue Laws of this Province, and to retain and pay such Master and other officers as may be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, and a sufficient Crew for the said Cutter, and also to direct from time to time, how the said vessel shall be employed; and the said Commissioners shall render a yearly account of the money so expended by them for the purposes aforesaid, to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, and His Majesty's Council, and the amount of such expenditure shall be paid to the said Commissioners by the Treasurer, on the Warrant of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the Master of the said Cutter, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have the same powers to enter and search for uncustomed Goods, as belong to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Lieutenant-Governor to appoint four or more Commissioners,

who shall contract for arming and furnishing a proper vessel,

and retain and pay the Master and Officers, to be appointed by the Governor,

and direct how the vessel shall be employed.

To account yearly to the Governor and Council.

Expences to be paid by the Governor's warrant with consent of the Council

Master to have the same powers to search for uncustomed goods as belong to the Treasurer,

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may seize dutiable articles,

may detain and examine Vessels and Boats suspected of violating the Revenue laws,

may bring or send Vessels or Boats to a convenient Harbour to unload uncustomed goods.

Master to give Bond to the King.

To be subject to orders of the Lieutenant-Governor.

To account monthly to the Commissioners for disbursements

Limitation.

surer of this Province, and in like manner to detain or seize all dutiable articles imported or landed contrary to the provision of this or any other Act; and the said Master shall have power to bring to, detain and examine any vessel or boat which may be found hovering around the coast and bays or rivers of this Province, or at anchor off, or in the same, or otherwise suspected of violating the Revenue Laws of this Province, and to bring in or send such vessel or boat to some convenient place or harbour, in order that any uncustomed Goods which he may have found and seized on board the same, may be unloaded and removed; and the said Master so to be appointed, shall, before the exercise of his said office, enter into Bonds to His Majesty with good and sufficient Sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties and services hereby enacted and required, and shall be subject to such orders and regulations as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, shall from time to time be pleased to make and give, and shall monthly render a just and true account to the said Commissioners of the money expended by him, for the necessary disbursement of the said Cutter.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force until the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.