

THE  
ACTS  
OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, &c.

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CAP. I.

An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled "An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue."

*Passed 7th March 1846.*

I. **BE** it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue," and every clause, matter and article therein contained, save and except only the Duties imposed by the said Act on Wheat, Wheat Flour, Corn Meal, Rye Flour, and Oatmeal, be and the same are hereby continued and declared to be in full force until the first day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Act 8 V. c. 2, with the exception of Duties on Wheat, Wheat Flour, Corn Meal, Rye Flour, and Oatmeal, continued.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Duties imposed on Wheat, Wheat Flour, Corn Meal, Rye Flour, and Oatmeal, in and by the said recited Act, shall cease and determine on and after the first day of April next.

Duties on Wheat, &c. to cease after 1st April next.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in the present Session of the Legislature.

Act may be amended during present Session.

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CAP. II.

An Act for the collection of the Revenue of this Province.

*Passed 7th March 1846.*

I. **BE** it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That all goods subject to duties under any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, and which have been or shall be imported or brought by sea or inland navigation, or by land carriage into this Province, from any port or place abroad, beyond the seas, or out of this Province, or which being so subject to duties, shall be carried and transported by sea from one port or place within this Province to another port or place within this Province, shall be and the same are hereby made liable and subject to the several rules, restrictions, conditions, regulations, penalties, and forfeitures in this Act contained, in respect to such importation, and the payment or security of the duties thereon, or the warehousing of the same goods.

Dutiable imported Goods to be subject to Rules, &c. of this Act.

II.

Report of person in charge of Vessel to the Treasurer.

II. And be it further enacted, That the master, commander or person in charge of every ship or vessel arriving at any port or place in this Province, shall within twenty four hours after such arrival, and before bulk be broken, make due report of such ship or vessel to the Treasurer of the Province, or to the Deputy Treasurer at or nearest the place of such arrival, under oath, subscribed by him, and such report shall contain an account of the particular marks, numbers and contents of all the different packages or parcels of the goods on board of such ship, and the particulars of such goods as are stored loose, to the best of his knowledge, and of the place or places where such goods were respectively taken on board, and shall in the same report state, on oath as aforesaid, the name of each and every owner and consignee of such cargo, and where the same is intended to be landed, and whether any and what part thereof has been landed and taken from such ship or vessel after arriving within the Province; and the master, commander or other person in charge of any ship or vessel who shall fail to make such report, shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds.

Penalty.

Report of Owner, Sec. of Goods.

III. And be it further enacted, That the owner, consignee or person entering any goods inwards (whether for payment of duty, or to be warehoused upon the entry thereof, or for payment of duty upon taking out of the warehouse, or whether such goods be free of duty), shall deliver to the Treasurer of the Province or to the Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, a report in writing by him subscribed under oath, of all articles belonging to or consigned to him on board of such ship or vessel; and any part of such cargo which shall be landed before the report of the master or commander of such ship or vessel, and the report of the owner or consignee, or other person entering the same, and a permit obtained from the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, for landing the same, such goods so landed, shall be forfeited, and the person or persons concerned in concealing such articles, or in landing them without a permit for that purpose, or shall make an untrue report or entry of such goods, shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds.

Landing before Report or Permit.

Penalty.

Entry of Goods to pay Duty by number, &c., or value.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if the goods in such entry be charged to pay duty according to number, measure or weight thereof, such number, measure or weight shall be stated in the entry, and if the goods in such entry be charged to pay duty according to the value thereof, such value shall be stated in the entry, and shall be upon oath of the importer or his known agent, before the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, written upon the Bill of entry; and if any person making such entry upon oath, not being the importer or proprietor of such goods, nor his agent duly authorized by him, such person shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds; and such affidavit shall be made in the manner and form following, that is to say,

Oath.

“ I, A. B. do swear that I am the importer [or authorized by the importer,] of the goods contained in this entry, that the several quantities are correctly stated, and that those articles subject to duty according to the value thereof, are of the value of — Currency, and cost the same and no more, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

“ A. B.

“ Sworn to &c., C. D., Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer.”

and written on the Bill of entry of such articles, and in all cases made before the Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer at the port or place of importation, and shall be subscribed with the hand of the importer, or his known agent.

V. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, that the said articles are not valued according to the true price or value thereof, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, then and in such case the importer or his known agent, shall be required to declare on oath, before the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, what is the invoice price of such articles, and that he verily believes such invoice price the current value of the articles at the place whence such articles were imported; and such invoice price shall be deemed to be the value of the articles in lieu of the value so declared by the importer or his known agent, and upon which the duties shall be charged and paid: provided that if it shall appear to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, that such articles have been invoiced below the real value thereof, at the place from whence the same were imported, or if the value is not known, the articles shall in such case be examined by one or more competent person or persons appointed or to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government of the Province for the time being; and such person or persons, or any one of them, shall declare or certify to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, what is the true and real value of such articles, and the value so declared or certified shall be the true and real value of such articles, and upon which the duties imposed by any Acts of the General Assembly of the Province, shall be charged and paid.

Value of articles how to be ascertained.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if upon the first entry of any articles subject to duty, except at the ports or districts of Saint John, Saint Andrews, Saint Stephens, Fredericton, and Woodstock, the rates and duties imposed by any Provincial Act or Acts, shall not amount to the sum of twenty five pounds, then the said duties shall be paid by the importer or person making the entry thereof, before any permit shall be granted for the landing of the goods contained in such entry; but if the amount of such Provincial duties shall amount to the sum of twenty five pounds, and not exceed fifty pounds, then the importer shall give bonds, with at least one sufficient surety, to be approved of by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, in double the duties payable upon such goods, with a condition for the payment of the duties in three months; and if the said Provincial duties shall amount to the sum of fifty pounds, and not exceed one hundred pounds, then the importer shall give bond in like manner, for the payment of the duties, one half in three months, and the other half in six months; and if the said Provincial duties shall amount to the sum of one hundred pounds, and not exceed two hundred pounds, the importer shall give bond in like manner for the payment of the duties, one third in four months, one third in eight months, and the remaining one third in twelve months; and if the said Provincial duties shall amount to the sum of two hundred pounds and upwards, then the importer shall give bond in like manner, conditioned for the payment of the duties, one third in six months, one third in twelve months, and the remaining one third in eighteen months; all which bonds shall be executed by the importer with at least one good and sufficient surety, in double the amount of such duties, and shall be taken in Her Majesty's name, and made payable to Her said Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and conditioned for the amount of the said duties respectively, at the time or times specified therein, to the Treasurer of the Province, or to the Deputy Treasurer at the port or place where the same may be taken: Provided always, that in cases where by the provisions of this Act the importer or importers are entitled to have credit for payment of any duties upon giving bonds as aforesaid, the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall be and

Periods and modes of payment of Duties ascertained.

Discount for prompt payment.

and they are hereby authorized to receive payment at the time of entry, if required, and to allow a discount or abatement therefrom, at and after the rate of six per centum per annum, proportionable to the credit which the importer or importers would be entitled to have.

On refusal to pay  
Duties, Goods to be  
seized and sold.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if the importer of such articles shall refuse to pay the duties imposed under and by virtue of any Act or Acts for raising a Revenue in this Province, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer at the place where such articles shall be imported, and they are hereby respectively required to take and secure the same, with the casks or other packages thereof, and to cause the same to be publicly sold within the space of twenty days at the most after such refusal made, and at such time and place as such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall by four or more days public notice appoint for that purpose; which articles shall be sold to the best bidder, and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be applied, in the first place, in payment of the said duties, together with the charges that shall have been occasioned by such sale, and the overplus (if any) shall be paid to such importer or proprietor, or any other person authorized to receive the same.

Importers to enter  
and land Goods  
within twenty days.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every importer of any goods, shall, within twenty days after the arrival of the importing ship, the same not being intended for exportation in the same ship to parts beyond the seas, make due entry inwards of such goods, and land the same; and in default of such entry and landing, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to convey such goods to the Queen's or some special warehouse, and if the duties due upon such goods be not paid or secured within three months after such twenty days shall have expired, together with all charges of removal and warehouse rent, the same shall be sold, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied first to the payment of freight and charges, next of duties, and the overplus (if any) shall be paid to the proprietor of the goods.

Searching Vessels  
for dutiable articles.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Treasurer or any Deputy Treasurer, or Provincial Tide Surveyor, to go on board of any ship in any port in any part of this Province, and either before or after such ship comes to anchor, and to rummage and search all parts of such ship for dutiable goods, and freely to stay on board such ship so long as she shall remain in such port or place, and to search and examine the cargo, and to examine the master upon oath touching the cargo and voyage, and if the master shall not truly answer the questions to be demanded of him in such examination, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds.

Liability of vessels,  
carriages, &c., to  
forfeiture, and per-  
sons to penalties,  
for fraudulently  
landing dutiable  
articles.

X. And be it further enacted, That all vessels and boats under fifteen tons, in which any goods liable to forfeiture under any Act or Acts of the General Assembly relating to the Provincial Revenue shall be brought into this Province, and from which any goods so liable to forfeiture shall be landed, such vessel or boat shall be seized as forfeited by any Officer of the Provincial Revenue, and proceeded against in the same manner as if they had been actually engaged in the removal of any goods liable to forfeiture; and that all carriages and cattle made use of in the removal of any goods liable to forfeiture under this or any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue, shall be forfeited; and every person who shall assist or be otherwise concerned in the unshipping, landing, or removal, or in the harbouring or concealing such goods, or into whose hands or possession the same shall knowingly come, shall forfeit treble the value thereof, or the penalty of one hundred pounds, at the election of the officer or person prosecuting; and the averment in

in any information or libel to be exhibited for the recovery of such penalty, that the officer or person proceeding has elected to sue for the sum mentioned in the information, shall be deemed sufficient proof of such election without any other or further evidence of such fact.

XI. And be it further enacted, That when any article or articles shall be seized for a breach of the Revenue Laws of this Province, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make application to any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the County where such articles were seized, to nominate two persons to appraise the articles so seized, whose valuation shall be accepted as the true value thereof, the expense attending such valuation to be deducted from the proceeds of the seizure.

Value of articles seized to be appraised.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or any Deputy Treasurer to enter in the day time into any house, shop or cellar, or other building whatsoever, wherein such officer shall have reasonable cause to suspect or believe any goods to be, or to be concealed or deposited, which are liable to forfeiture under this or any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue; provided that before such entry made, information on oath shall be given to some one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, or City and County, where such house, shop, cellar or other building is situate, that such officer has reasonable cause to suspect and believe that goods liable to forfeiture as aforesaid, are deposited or concealed therein; and immediately on such information being laid or given, such Justice shall, and he is hereby enjoined and authorized forthwith, but at some time between sunrise and sunsetting, to go with such officer to such house, shop or other building, and then and there to enter with such officer, or to authorize him to enter and search for such goods, if the doors be open; but if the doors be fastened and admission denied, then, after first demanding to be admitted, and declaring the purpose for which such entry is demanded, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby required to direct and order such officer forcibly to enter into such house, shop, cellar, or other building, and to search therein for any goods forfeited, and to seize and take away all goods liable to forfeiture under any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue.

Searching Houses, &c. for Dutiable Goods in presence of a Justice of the Peace;

XIII. And be it further enacted, That under the authority of a Writ of Assistance granted by the Supreme Court of this Province, or the Chief Justice thereof, or any Judge thereof, or by the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or any Justice of such Court, who are hereby authorized and required to grant such Writ of Assistance, upon application made in Term time, or in vacation, for that purpose, by the Treasurer of the Province, or any Deputy Treasurer, and due cause shewn therefor, it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Revenue, taking with him a Peace Officer, to enter any building or other place, in the day time, and to search for and seize and secure any Goods liable to forfeiture under any Act or Acts relating to the Provincial Revenue Law, and in case of necessity, to break open any doors and chests, or other packages, for that purpose: and such Writ of Assistance when issued shall be deemed to be in force for and during the period specified in such Writ.

Under the authority of a Writ of assistance.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall by force or violence assault, resist, oppose, molest, hinder, or obstruct, any Officer of the Provincial Revenue, or other person employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, such person, being thereof convicted before any Court of Record in this Province, shall pay a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds nor less than fifty pounds, in the discretion of the Court before whom

Assaulting or obstructing Revenue Officers on Duty.

whom such offender shall be tried; which fine shall be paid into the Province Treasury for the use of the Province, and in case such fine be not paid, such person shall be imprisoned for such time not exceeding twelve months nor less than three months, at the discretion of the Court.

Suits for the recovery of penalties.

XV. And be it further enacted, That no suit shall be commenced for the recovery of any penalty or forfeiture under any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue, except in the name of the Treasurer of the Province, or in the name of some Deputy Treasurer, or of Her Majesty's Attorney General, or in his absence, of the Solicitor General of the Province; and if any question shall arise whether any person is an Officer of the Provincial Revenue, or such other person as aforesaid, *viva voce* evidence may be given of such fact, and may be deemed legal and sufficient evidence.

Onus probandi to be on party claiming Goods seized.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Goods shall be seized for non payment of duties, or any other cause of forfeiture, and any dispute shall arise whether the duties shall have been paid for the same, or the same have been lawfully imported or lawfully laden or exported, the proof thereof shall be on the owner or claimant of such Goods, and not on the officer who shall seize and stop the same.

No claim to Goods seized to be admitted unless entered in the name of the Owner;

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no claim to any thing seized under this or any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue, and returned in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record for adjudication, shall be admitted, unless such claim be entered in the name of the owner, with his residence and occupation, nor unless oath to the property in such thing be made by the owner or by his Attorney or Agent by whom such claim shall be entered, to the best of his knowledge and belief; and every person making a false oath thereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the pains and penalties to which persons are liable for a misdemeanor.

Nor unless security be given to pay costs.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no person shall be admitted to enter a claim to any thing seized in pursuance of this or any other Act relating to the Provincial Revenue, and prosecuted in any Court of the Province, until sufficient security shall have been given in the Court where such seizure is prosecuted, in a penalty not exceeding forty pounds, to answer and pay the costs of such claim if found against him, and in default of giving such security, such things shall be adjudged to be forfeited.

One month's notice to be given before commencing a suit against a Revenue Officer for official acts.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That no Writ shall be sued out against nor a copy of any process served upon any Officer of the Provincial Revenue, or other person as aforesaid, for any thing done in the exercise of his office, until one calendar month after notice in writing shall have been delivered to him, or left at his usual place of abode, by the Attorney or Agent to the party who intends to sue out such writ or process; in which notice shall be clearly and explicitly contained the cause of action, the name and place of abode of the person who is to bring such action, and the name and place of abode of the Attorney or Agent; and no evidence of the cause of such action shall be produced except of such as shall be contained in such notice, and no verdict shall be given for the Plaintiff, unless he shall prove on the trial that such notice was given, and in default of such proof the Defendant shall receive in such action a verdict and costs.

Actions to be brought within three months after cause.

XX. And be it further enacted, That every such action shall be brought within three calendar months after the cause thereof, and shall be laid and tried in the place or district where the facts were committed; and the Defendant may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence; and if the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or shall discontinue the action, or if upon a verdict or demurrer judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall receive

General issue.

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treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any Defendant can have in other cases where costs are given by Law. Costs.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any information or suit shall be brought to trial on account of any seizure made under this or any other Act relating to the Revenue, and a verdict shall be found for the claimant thereof, and the Judge or Court before whom the cause shall have been tried shall certify on the record that there was probable cause of seizure, the claimant shall not be entitled to any costs of suit, nor shall the person who made such seizure be liable to any action, indictment, or other suit or prosecution on account of such seizure; and if any action, indictment, or other suit or prosecution, shall be brought to trial against any person on account of such seizure, wherein a verdict shall be given against the Defendant, the Plaintiff, besides the thing seized or the value thereof, shall not be entitled to more than two pence damages, nor to any costs of suit, nor shall the Defendant be fined more than one shilling. Costs when verdict is for claimant of seized Goods;

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for such officer, within one calendar month after such notice, to tender amends to the party complaining or his Agent, and to plead such tender in bar to any action, together with other pleas, and if the Jury shall find the amends sufficient, they shall give a verdict for the Defendant; and in such case, or in case the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or shall discontinue his action, or judgment shall be given for the Defendant upon demurrer, then such Defendant shall be entitled to the like costs as he would have been entitled to in case he had pleaded the general issue only: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such Defendant, by leave of the Court where such action shall be brought, at any time before issue joined, to pay money into Court as in other actions. When verdict for Defendant.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in any such action if the Judge or Court before whom such action shall be tried shall certify upon the Record that the Defendant or Defendants in such action acted upon probable cause, the Plaintiff in such action shall not be entitled to more than two pence damages, nor to any costs of suit. Tender of amends.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That all commissions, deputations and appointments granted to any Officers of the Revenue, in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue in force as if the same had been afterwards granted and made under and by authority of this Act, and that all Bonds which shall have been given by any such officers and their respective sureties for good conduct or otherwise, shall continue and remain in full force and effect. Certificate of acting upon probable cause.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Province for the time being, in places where a Deputy Treasurer may be required for the due enforcement of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of this Province, to appoint fit persons, to be approved of by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to be Deputy Treasurers in such port or place; which persons so appointed and approved of shall give good and sufficient security by bond to Her Majesty for the faithful discharge of their duties respectively, that is to say: the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews and Miramichi, respectively, in a sum not less than four thousand pounds; the Deputy Treasurer at Dalhousie in a sum not less than three thousand pounds; the Deputy Treasurer of Richibucto, in the County of Kent, in a sum not less than two thousand pounds; the Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst in a sum not less than two thousand pounds; the Deputy Treasurer at West Isles in a sum not less than one thousand pounds; and all other Deputy Treasurers respectively, in a sum not less than five hundred pounds; and all such bonds shall Appointments and bonds of Revenue Officers to continue in force.

Appointement of Deputy Treasurers.

Security.

shall also be executed by at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved of by the Treasurer, and shall be taken in the name of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors; and the said Deputy Treasurers now in office, and all those who may hereafter be appointed, shall be accountable to the Treasurer of the Province for the time being, when thereunto required, for all sums of money received by them under and by virtue of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of the Province; and all Deputy Treasurers, whether appointed under this or any previous Act and now in force, shall have the same powers to the fullest extent in every respect to make seizures and proceed to condemnation and sale as are given to the Treasurer by virtue of this or any other Act; and each Deputy Treasurer shall and may retain for his services ten pounds for every hundred pounds which he shall receive, secure or shall come into his hands, under and by virtue of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of this Province, over and above his proportion of the seizures and forfeitures which he may make under and by virtue of this or any other Act relating to the Provincial Revenue: Provided always, that the sum so retained, as aforesaid, shall not in any one year exceed three hundred pounds for the services of any one Deputy.

Powers.

Compensation.

Deputy at Saint John.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Treasurer, in case of sickness or necessary absence from the City and County of Saint John, to appoint a fit person to act as his Deputy there, for whose acts the said Treasurer shall be responsible, which Deputy, during his continuance in office, shall have the same power and authority in every respect as the Treasurer hath by virtue of this or any other Act relating to matters of Revenue, when personally executing the duties of his office, but shall receive no compensation or allowance from the Public Treasury for his services, except his proportion of the proceeds of any seizures which he may make, or of any penalties and forfeitures which may be incurred by this or any other Act during his continuance in office as aforesaid.

Compensation.

Tide Surveyors and other Revenue Officers to be under the control of the Treasurer and Deputies.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Tide Surveyors and Waiters, and all other Revenue Officers who may be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government, for the Port of Saint John, or for any other port or place within the Province, shall in all respects be under the orders, directions and control of the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers respectively for the places where such Officers may be appointed; and the said Tide Surveyors and Waiters, and other Revenue Officers, shall attend to the unloading of ships and vessels with dutiable articles, and shall not allow any such dutiable articles to be landed from any ship or vessel arriving at any port or place for which they are respectively appointed, without a Permit from the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurers, as the case may be; which permit to land dutiable articles shall be made by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer immediately upon the Duties thereon being paid or secured agreeably to the provisions of this or any other Act relating to Provincial Revenue; and if any Tide Surveyor, Waiter, or other Revenue Officer attending the unloading of any vessel with dutiable articles, shall discover any articles on board which have not been duly entered by the Master in his report of the cargo on board such vessel or in the report of the owner or consignee of such articles, or if any such articles shall be by such Officer found to be landed from such ship, or otherwise imported contrary to the provisions of this Act or any other Act for raising a Revenue, it shall be the duty of such Tide Surveyors and Waiters respectively, and other Revenue Officers respectively, and they are hereby required forthwith to take possession of such articles and detain the same, and make report thereof to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Duties.

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at the port or place where such detention shall take place, and the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall immediately seize the said articles, and proceed against the same according to the provisions of this Act.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That for the recovery of all duties imposed by the provisions of any Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue, and for which the said Treasurer, or Deputy Treasurer at the port or place, has taken security by bond as aforesaid, and which have not been paid at the several times limited for payment thereof respectively as aforesaid, the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is hereby directed to transmit the same within thirty days to Her Majesty's Attorney General for prosecution, and Her Majesty's Attorney General for the time being is hereby required forthwith to cause process to be issued against all and every person or persons so standing indebted, and to pursue the same to final judgment and execution, unless payment of the sum due and costs be previously made; and in case the said bonds shall not be transmitted to be prosecuted within thirty days after default in payment of the amount secured in such bond, the security on such bond shall be discharged, and recourse only to be had against the principal of the same, or against the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer so neglecting to transmit the same for prosecution: provided that no surety in any bond taken for the payment of duties shall be discharged from the same, unless the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall neglect or omit to transmit such bond to the Attorney General to be prosecuted within thirty days after the last instalment in such bonds shall become due and payable; and provided also, that all bonds entered into for the security of duties imposed by this Act shall be void, and may be cancelled or destroyed, unless such bonds shall be sued within one year from the time limited in such bonds for the payment of such duties, or the last instalment due on the same; and if such bonds shall not be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in three years from the time limited as last aforesaid, then and in such case such bonds shall be void.

Proceedings on bonds to secure Duties not paid when due.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer and the several Deputy Treasurers respectively, shall make half yearly returns to the Office of the Provincial Secretary of the bonds by them respectively taken for the duties and then remaining unpaid, stating the names of the obligors, the amount secured, the dates of such bonds, the times when payments become due, and the amount (if any) which has been paid thereon, and any other particulars which may be necessary, which returns shall be annually laid before the House of Assembly in the Treasurer's Account; and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer who shall neglect to make such returns for a longer period than two months after the expiration of each and every period shall severally be liable to pay a penalty of fifty pounds, to be applied to the use of this Province.

Halfyearly returns of bonds to be made to the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of the Province to appoint fit and proper persons in every such place and places within the Province as he may judge meet and expedient, to be collectors of duties on cattle and horses; and every person so appointed, or who may have been appointed under any former Act relating to the Revenue, are hereby authorized to detain, and report to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, all such cattle and horses as may be found on any Road, place or places, and so imported and brought as aforesaid, unless the owner or owners, person or persons having charge of and driving such cattle and horses, shall produce a separate certificate for each and every such horse or head of cattle from the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, that the duties have been paid or secured to be paid on such cattle and horses; and the said collectors shall give bonds to the Treasurer in the sum of one hundred

Appointment of Collectors of Duty on Cattle and Horses.

Powers.

Sureties.

Compensation.

pounds, with two sufficient sureties in the sum of fifty pounds each, for the faithful discharge of their trust, and shall be allowed one half of the commission to be received by the Deputy Treasurer of the County in which such collector shall reside, and also one half of the net proceeds of the sale of all cattle and horses so detained, and forfeited under and by virtue of this Act.

Articles seized and sold by the Officers of H. M. Customs made liable to Duty, &c. ;

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all articles which are subject to Duties under any Act for raising a Revenue, and which, having been seized and sold by the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs in any part of the Province for having been illegally imported or smuggled, shall be liable to the same rates and duties as if the same had been legally imported and entered at the Treasurer's or any Deputy Treasurer's Office, as required by this or any other Act relating to Revenue ; and the purchaser or purchasers of any such articles sold as aforesaid shall within twenty four hours after such sale and purchase, and before any part of the articles so purchased shall be consumed, make report to the Treasurer, or his Deputy at the place nearest the sale, in writing, under affidavit, of the articles so purchased, and the duties arising thereon shall then be paid or secured to be paid in the same manner and subject to the same regulations as duties arising on such articles when legally imported ; and upon the exportation of any such articles so purchased, reported, and upon which the duties have been paid or secured as aforesaid, the purchasers shall be entitled to the like drawbacks as hereinafter allowed upon the exportation of the like articles, subject always to the like regulations, provisions and restrictions as are hereinafter made and provided ; and if any dutiable articles which may have been imported into the Province, or purchased from some resident Merchant or Trader, for the use of Her Majesty's Army or Navy, and upon which no duties have been paid, or upon which the duties may have been repaid, shall at any time be sold by order of the Government, the purchaser or purchasers shall report the same, and pay or secure to be paid the same amount of duties as such articles are liable to when imported into the Province, and shall be entitled to the same drawbacks upon the exportation thereof, subject to the same regulations, provisions and restrictions as are hereinafter provided, and made as hereinafter mentioned ; and any purchaser of dutiable articles at any Custom House sale, or at the sale of Government Stores as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to make report of such articles so purchased, and to pay or secure the duties thereon, shall, if the same articles cannot be found, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, and if the whole of the same are found, then, in lieu of such penalty, the said articles shall be forfeited, and may be seized, taken away and prosecuted by order of the Treasurer or any Deputy Treasurer, and the proceeds thereof applied in manner directed by this Act.

Also articles for the use of the Army or Navy sold by order of Government, and on which no Duties have been paid.

Articles imported or supplied for the Army, Navy, or Ordnance, exempted from Duty.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That any articles subject to duties by any Act for raising a Revenue, which may be imported expressly for the use of Her Majesty's Army, Navy or Ordnance, and actually delivered to the Commissary or any authorized Officer of Government, shall be and the same are hereby exempted from the duties herein before imposed upon the like articles ; and any such articles which may be supplied by any resident Merchant or Trader for the uses aforesaid, and actually delivered to the Commissary or any other authorized Officer of Government, shall also be exempt from the payment of any duties herein imposed, and if the duties thereon shall have been paid, then such resident Merchant or Trader shall receive back the amount of such duties, or if indebted to the Treasury, shall have credit for the same, by deducting the amount from the gross amount of his bond, the instalments of which shall be regularly paid upon

upon the balance thereof: provided always, that before any such dutiable articles shall be exempted from the payment of duties, and before any repayment of duties shall be made or credit given therefor, the Commissary or other authorized Officer of Government shall, if the said articles have been imported, produce the Invoice or Bill of Lading of such articles to the Treasurer or his Deputy at the place of importation, and shall make and subscribe an affidavit before the said Treasurer or Deputy as aforesaid, that the several articles contained in such Invoice or Bill of Lading are imported expressly for the use of Her Majesty's Army, Navy or Ordnance, and received into his charge for that purpose; and if any such articles shall be supplied for the like purpose by any resident Merchant or Trader, such resident Merchant or Trader shall report and make and subscribe an affidavit before the Treasurer or his Deputy as aforesaid, that the articles mentioned in the report and affidavit were actually delivered to the Commissary or other authorized Officer, and the said Commissary or other authorized Officer shall also make and subscribe an affidavit before the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, that the articles mentioned in the said report and affidavit of the Merchant or Trader are actually delivered into his charge for the use aforesaid.

Proof.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the quantity of all dutiable Liquors and Molasses shall be ascertained by Gunter's Calipers, and shall be gauged by a sworn Gauger or Gaugers appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, which Gaugers shall not gauge any dutiable articles in which they have any interest or property.

Gauging Liquors and Molasses.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That any person importing by inland navigation or by land, into any Port of this Province, horses, horned cattle, or any articles which are subject to a duty under this or any other Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Province for raising a Revenue, who shall neglect to report the same and pay the duties thereon to the Treasurer of the Province, or to the Deputy Treasurer at the port or place of entry, shall for each and every neglect or offence be liable to the same forfeitures and penalties as persons are who may be convicted of fraudulently landing any dutiable articles from on board of any ship or vessel arriving at any port or place in the Province, to be recovered and applied in the same manner as the penalties are in and by this or any Act relating to Revenue, and all goods so imported as aforesaid may be seized by the Treasurer of the Province, or any Deputy, as the case may be, and prosecuted to condemnation and sale in the same manner as goods seized and forfeited may be under and by virtue of this or any Act relating to Revenue.

Importations by Inland Navigation or by Land, not reported to the Treasurer or Deputy at Port of Entry.

Penalty.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall import into this Province by inland navigation or by land, any horses, horned cattle, or any goods, wares or merchandize of any description subject to duty under any of the Revenue Laws of this Province, and shall neglect to report the same and pay the duties on such articles so imported at the office of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, such person or persons so offending shall be liable to the same penalty as persons are by this or any Act relating to Revenue, who shall land articles from any ship or vessel before report of the cargo of such ship or vessel, to be recovered in the like manner as the penalties are in and by this or any Act relating to Revenue; and all horses, horned cattle, goods, wares and merchandize of every kind, which may be seized for non-payment of the duties, or for default made as aforesaid, may be proceeded against in the same manner as seizures are in and by this or any Act relating to Revenue.

Importing by Inland Navigation or by Land, and not reporting at the Port of Entry.

Penalty.

Seized Dutiable Goods to be deemed condemned, unless notice of claim be given.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all dutiable articles which may be seized as having been imported contrary to the provisions of this or any other Act of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue, shall and may be deemed and taken to be condemned for breach of any Law or Laws of this Province relating to Revenue, unless the owner or owners of the articles so seized as forfeited, or the person from whom they were so seized, or some person duly authorized by him, shall within one calendar month from the day of seizing the same, give notice in writing to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer at or nearest the place where such seizure shall have been made, that he claims the articles or things so seized: provided always, that in case the articles so seized be live stock or dead meats, or any description of perishable articles, unless claim to the same shall be made, and notice thereof given within forty eight hours after such seizure made, the same shall be taken and deemed to be forfeited, and sold at public auction after twenty four hours notice being given.

Prosecutions for articles seized to be in the name of the Treasurer, &c.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all articles seized as forfeited by virtue of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of this Province, and claimed by any person or persons agreeably to the provisions of the preceding section, and security given for prosecuting such claim with effect, shall and may be prosecuted to condemnation in the name of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer making such seizure, or by information of Her Majesty's Attorney General or Solicitor General, before any two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing near the place where such seizure shall have been made, who are hereby required and directed to keep a Book of Record in which they shall fairly enter all causes tried before them under this or any other Act relating to Revenue, together with the evidence taken before them upon such trial: provided always, that in case the articles seized shall be of the value of twenty five pounds, then the same shall be proceeded against in some of Her Majesty's Courts of Record within the Province.

Articles seized may be delivered up to the claimant on security.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any articles shall be seized as forfeited under the provisions of this Act or any Act hereafter to be made relating to Revenue, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer making such seizure to deliver up the same to the claimant on security by bond, with two sufficient sureties, to be approved of by such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, to answer double the value of the same in case of condemnation; and such bond shall be taken in the name of Her Majesty, and shall be delivered to and kept in the custody of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer; and in case the goods shall be condemned, the value thereof shall be paid into the hands of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, who shall thereupon cancel such bond.

Prosecution of penalties or forfeitures.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That any penalty or forfeiture inflicted under and by virtue of this Act or any Act hereafter to be made relating to the Revenue of this Province, may be prosecuted, sued for and recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, in the name of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, or in the name of Her Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor General; and in every action or suit the person against whom judgment shall be given for any penalty or forfeiture under this Act shall pay costs of suit; and every such action or suit shall and may be brought within three years after the offence committed, and not afterwards.

Application of forfeitures and penalties.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all forfeitures and penalties incurred and recovered under and by virtue of this Act, shall be divided, paid and applied as follows, (that is to say,) after deducting the charges of prosecution from the proceeds

proceeds thereof, one half part thereof to Her Majesty for the use of the Province and for the support of the Government thereof, and the other moiety or half part thereof to the officer who shall inform and sue for the same.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the net proceeds of all articles seized and condemned under the provisions of this or any other Act relating to Revenue, shall be divided, paid and applied as follows, (that is to say,) one third part of the net produce shall be paid into the hands of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port or place where such seizure shall be made, for the use of Her Majesty, one third part to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, and the other part to the person who shall seize and prosecute the same to conviction.

Application of proceeds of seizures.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That whosoever shall export or carry out of this Province by Sea, any articles chargeable with Provincial Duty, and upon which, upon their entry inwards for home use, the duties shall have been paid or secured, or which may have been purchased at any Custom House sale or sale of Government Stores, shall be entitled to and shall be allowed a drawback or allowance of the whole amount of such duties; provided the goods shall be of the quantity or value for which a drawback of duty is hereinafter allowed; and provided also, that the regulations hereinafter contained shall be in all things observed in respect thereof.

Drawback allowed on exportation of dutiable articles.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That a drawback aforesaid of the whole Provincial Duty upon articles not warehoused, or upon articles on which the duties upon those articles shall have been paid or secured, shall be allowed upon any quantity of Wine, Brandy, Geneva, and Whiskey, not less than twenty five gallons, if in wood, or if bottled, not less than six dozen bottles; not less than one hundred gallons of Rum or other Spirituous Liquors; not less than five hundred gallons of Molasses; not less than ten hundred weight of brown Sugar; not less than six hundred weight of loaf or refined Sugar; not less than five hundred weight of dried Fruits; nor less than two hundred weight of Coffee and Pimento; and upon any amount not less than fifty pounds of the original or declared value of any articles charged with duty thereof, according to the value thereof at the time of importation, nor unless the requisite proof of their having been landed without the Province, to be produced at the office within twelve months from the time of exportation; and no drawback shall be allowed upon articles landed in any Port of the United States eastward of Machias Harbour: and provided also, that when satisfactory proof is lodged with the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the exportation of any article subject to duty, the said duty shall not be exacted within twelve months after the exportation of such articles: provided always, that no drawback shall be paid upon the exportation of any articles unless the bond given for the duty upon such articles, at the time of the original or first entry, shall be paid, but the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall and may endorse the amount of such drawback upon the bond.

Quantity to be exported to entitle to drawback defined.

Payment of Drawback.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the evidence to be required of the exportation of dutiable articles in the same bottom, shall be the affidavit of the master and of the owner or consignee before the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, and the affidavit of the master shall be as follows:

Proof of exportation in same bottom without landing;

“I, A. B. do swear that the following articles, to-wit, \_\_\_\_\_ are now actually on board the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof I am master, that the same were imported in the same vessel, and are the same that were mentioned in the entry and report of the said vessel and cargo at this office on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and that no part of the same are to be landed within this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

And

Not in same bottom.

And the owner or consignee of the same articles shall at the time and place make and subscribe an affidavit, that he is the owner or consignee of such articles, and that the contents of the affidavit made by the master are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief; and when articles are not exported in the same bottom in which they were imported, shall make and subscribe an affidavit as follows, to-wit :

“ I, A. B. do swear that the following articles, to-wit, \_\_\_\_\_ were imported into the Province in the vessel called the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof I am master, and are the same mentioned and specified in the entry and report of the said vessel and cargo at this office on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and that no part thereof has been landed since the said entry and report; and that the same have been actually shipped on board the vessel called the \_\_\_\_\_ in the harbour of \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ is master.”

And the owner or consignee of the same articles shall at the same time and place make and subscribe an affidavit that he is the owner or consignee of such articles, and that the contents of the affidavit made by the said master are just and true, and that the said articles are not to be landed within the Province, to the best of his knowledge and belief; and the master of the vessel on board of which such articles have been reshipped, shall at the same time make and subscribe an affidavit that the articles mentioned in the affidavit of the master of the vessel in which they were imported, are actually on board the ship or vessel of which he is master, and that the same or any part thereof are not to be again landed in the Province, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Proof of Exportation after landing.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That when any dutiable articles are exported for drawback after having been landed in the Province, the evidence of such exportation shall be an affidavit made and subscribed by the owner or consignee of such articles before the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as follows, to-wit :

“ I, A. B. do swear that the articles by me now shipped on board the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ is master, were lawfully imported [*or* purchased at Custom House sale, *or* sale of Government Stores] in the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ was master, from \_\_\_\_\_; and that the duties thereon have been paid or secured to be paid by me at this office, and that the same or any part thereof are not intended to be reloaded in this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

Also, an affidavit made and subscribed by the master of the vessel in which the articles are to be exported, as follows, to-wit :

“ I, A. B. do swear that the articles shipped by \_\_\_\_\_ as mentioned in his affidavit, are now actually on board the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof I am master, bound for \_\_\_\_\_; and that the same or any part thereof are not to be reloaded within the Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

Provided always, that before any drawback shall be paid, or a remission of duties upon articles exported in the same bottom, or transhipped into another vessel, and exported without being landed, obtained, it shall be incumbent on the owner or consignee of such articles to produce to the Treasurer or Deputy to whom the duties shall have been paid or secured, within one year from the time of exportation thereof, a certificate under the hand and seal of the Collector or principal officer of the Customs or of the Revenue of the place to which the same were exported, or a certificate of two resident Merchants of the place where such dutiable articles may have been landed, that such articles have been there actually landed, and he shall at the same time make and subscribe the following affidavit :

“ I,

“ I, A. B. do swear that the articles exported by me in the                    whereof was master, a certificate of the landing of which is by me now exhibited, have been actually landed at                    , to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if all or any of the articles reported for exportation without being landed, or which having been landed have been shipped for exportation, with a view to obtain a remission of the duties thereon, or to obtain the drawbacks allowed by this Act, have been landed or relanded contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, all such articles so landed or relanded, and such as may be on board at the time of discovering such intended fraud, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized and prosecuted to condemnation, and the proceeds of such forfeiture applied as in this Act directed; and if it shall be discovered within one year after the articles so reported for exportation, or which may have been shipped for exportation after having been landed, or after any drawbacks may have been paid or received, that the whole or any part thereof have been fraudulently relanded within the Province, the owner or consignee of such articles, and the master or owner of the ship or vessel from which the same were relanded, shall severally pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered and applied as hereinafter directed.

Landing articles exported for drawback.

Forfeiture.

Penalty.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the importer or consignee of any goods or articles subject to duty, (except at the hereinbefore excepted Ports or Districts of Saint John, Saint Andrews, Saint Stephen, Fredericton, and Woodstock,) under and by virtue of any Act of the General Assembly of this Province, the duties upon which would amount to twenty five pounds or upwards, may have his option either to secure the duties on the same in the manner prescribed in and by this Act, or to warehouse such articles, and pay the duties thereon from time to time as the same may be sold or entered for home consumption, and before delivery thereof; and that the importers or consignees of any goods or articles subject to duty in like manner at the Ports or Districts aforesaid of Saint John, Saint Andrews, Saint Stephen, Fredericton, and Woodstock, the duties upon which would amount to five pounds or upwards, may have his option either to warehouse such articles and pay the duties thereon from time to time as the same may be sold or entered for home consumption, and before delivery thereof, as hereinafter provided.

Prompt payment of duties made optional in certain cases.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That before the owner, agent or consignee of any such articles shall have the benefit of the option hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the owner, importer or consignee of any such articles to enter the same for warehousing, and to provide a good and sufficient Warehouse, to be approved of by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, and fitted and prepared to the satisfaction of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer; and before any such articles shall be admitted into any Warehouse, the owner, importer or consignee of the same shall, instead of the bonds hereinbefore required, give bonds with two sufficient sureties, to be approved of by the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as the case may be, in double the amount of duties payable on such articles in such Warehouse mentioned in the entry of the same, and for the payment of the duty on such articles, or for the exportation thereof, according to the account first taken of such articles upon the landing of the same, with the further condition that no part shall be taken out of such Warehouse until cleared from thence upon due entry and payment of duty, or upon due entry for exportation or removal from any one Warehouse to another in the Province; and with the further condition, that the whole of such articles shall be

Entry of, and bond for articles to be warehoused.

so cleared from such Warehouse, and the duties upon such deficiency (if any) of the quantity according to such first account, shall be paid within two years from the date of the first entry thereof.

Articles entered  
for warehousing  
and not deposited.  
&c. to be forfeited.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any articles which have been entered to be warehoused, shall not be duly carried and deposited in the Warehouse, or shall afterwards be taken out of the Warehouse without due entry and clearance, or having been entered and cleared for exportation from the Warehouse, shall not be duly carried therefrom and shipped, or shall afterwards be re-landed, except with the permission of the proper Officer of the Treasury, such goods shall be forfeited.

Bond upon entry  
outwards of articles  
from the warehouse.

L. And be it further enacted, That upon the entry outwards of any article to be exported from the Warehouse, or for removal from one bonded Warehouse to another within the Province, the person entering the same shall give security by bond in treble the duty thereon, with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, conditioned that the same shall be landed at the place for which they be entered outwards, or be otherwise accounted for, to the satisfaction of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer; and all articles deposited in any Warehouse, or removed from one bonded Warehouse to another within the Province, pursuant to this Act, shall be taken out for home consumption or for exportation, within two years from the date of the original report and entry of such articles.

Bond upon entry  
inwards of articles  
to be warehoused  
under Acts of Par-  
liament.

LI. And be it further enacted, That upon the entry of any goods of foreign growth or produce subject to Provincial Duties, and which are also subject to duties and intended to be warehoused under the provisions of any Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament, the importer of such goods may, instead of paying or securing the Provincial Duties, as directed in and by this Act, shall give bond with at least one good and sufficient surety to be approved of by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, in double the amount of duties payable at the Treasury thereupon, with condition for safe depositing the goods in the Warehouse for home consumption, or for the exportation thereof, and with further condition that if the goods be not taken out of the Warehouse in two years, the duties shall, at the expiration of that period, be paid.

Fraudulent remo-  
val, &c. of ware-  
housed articles.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if any Goods which shall have been so warehoused, shall be fraudulently concealed in, or removed from the Warehouse except for exportation, without payment of the Provincial Duties imposed thereon, such goods shall be forfeited, and may be seized and disposed of in the manner directed by this Act; and if any importer or proprietor of any goods warehoused, or any person in his employ, shall by any contrivance fraudulently open the Warehouse or gain access to the goods, such importer or proprietor shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of fifty pounds.

Deputy Treasurers  
held accountable  
for monies paid to  
them by Collectors  
of H. M. Customs.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That upon payment by the Collector or other Officer of Her Majesty's Customs to any Deputy Treasurer, of any monies collected under any Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament, such Deputy Treasurer and his sureties shall be held liable for the due accounting of the same, in like manner as any other duties which shall come into his hands under and by virtue of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of this Province.

Prosecution of ves-  
sels, carriages,  
horses and cattle.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That all vessels and boats of fifteen tons and under, and all carriages, horses and cattle which may be seized under this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of the Province, may be prosecuted upon information of the Treasurer or any Deputy Treasurer, or the Commander of any Revenue Vessel, agreeably to the provisions of this Act.



LV. And be it further enacted, That when any article or articles shall be seized for a breach of the Revenue Laws of this Province, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make application to any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the County where such articles were seized, to nominate two persons to appraise the articles so seized, whose valuation shall be accepted as the true value thereof, the expense attending such valuation to be deducted from the proceeds of the seizure.

Seized articles to be appraised.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That all articles which shall have been seized, condemned and forfeited under and by virtue of this Act, shall under the direction of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer at the port or place where such articles shall have been so seized, condemned and forfeited, be sold by public auction to the highest bidder, and the proceeds of such sales disposed of as is provided in and by this Act.

Articles seized to be sold at public auction.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of the Province and the Deputy Treasurers respectively are hereby authorized and empowered to administer all the oaths required to be made and taken for carrying the provisions of this or any other Act relating to the Revenue of the Province into effect; and every person who shall be convicted of making a false oath to any of the particulars required of him to be sworn to, shall be liable to all the pains and penalties to which persons are liable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Oaths may be administered by the Treasurer or Deputies.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk in the Office of the Provincial Treasury at the City of Saint John appointed or to be appointed by the Treasurer of the Province, while in such office, is hereby empowered to administer all oaths required to be administered by the Treasurer of the Province upon entries, manifests or other proceedings in the said office, in like manner as the Treasurer of the Province is authorized to administer the same; and any person who shall make a false oath before such Clerk in such office shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and liable to the pains and penalties of the same: provided always, that the Treasurer of the Province shall first publish in the Royal Gazette the name of such Clerk.

Treasurer's Clerk may administer oaths.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the liability of any article or articles to seizure under and by virtue of this or any other Act relating to Revenue, shall be and continue for the term of two years from the time the same are imported or brought into the Province and no longer.

Clerk's name to be Gazetted.

Liability of articles to seizure limited to two years from importation.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the right of recovering any of the duties, penalties and forfeitures imposed, inflicted or incurred under the provisions of any former Act or Acts relating to Revenue, and all securities taken by virtue of the same, are hereby expressly saved.

Recovery of duties, &c. under former Acts, reserved.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Deputy Treasurers, except the Deputy Treasurer for the Port of Saint John, in case of sickness or necessary absence of either of them, to appoint a fit person for them respectively, to attend to the duties of their respective offices during their sickness or necessary absence, and for the conduct of such person the said Deputy Treasurer and their respective sureties shall be responsible.

The Deputy Treasurers may provide for the performance of their duties in case of sickness, &c.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That at the Ports or Districts of Saint John, Saint Andrew's, Saint Stephen's, Fredericton, and Woodstock, the duties imposed on goods, wares, and merchandize, by any Law or Laws relating to Revenue in this Province, shall be paid at the time of importation, or if warehoused under the provisions of this or any Act of the Imperial Parliament, prior to removal from such Warehouse, otherwise than for exportation or removal from one Warehouse to another within this Province.

Period of payment of duties on importations at St. John, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Fredericton and Woodstock.

Proceedings under former Acts to remain valid.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That all proceedings which may have been done and had under and by virtue of any of the Acts relating to the collection of the Revenue of this Province, shall be and remain valid and effectual, notwithstanding the expiration of such Acts, or repeal of the same.

6 W. 4, c. 4,

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of this Province*; and an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of this Province*; also, an Act made and passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act further to amend the Acts relating to the collection of the Revenue of this Province*; also, an Act made and passed in the third year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act to extend the provisions of the fourth section of an Act, intituled 'An Act to amend the Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of the Province,' to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton*; and also, an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act to amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to provide for the collection of the Revenue of this Province,'* be and the same are hereby repealed.

7 W. 4, c. 5,

1 V. c. 6,

3 V. c. 46,

6 V. c. 16,

repealed.

Act may be amended during present Session.

Limitation.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of the General Assembly.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for ten years.

### CAP. III.

An Act to continue an Act, intituled *An Act relating to the collection of Duty on Timber and other Lumber.*

Passed 7th March 1846.

Act 7 V. c. 18, continued.

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act relating to the collection of Duty on Timber and other Lumber*, be and the same is hereby continued and declared to be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

### CAP. IV.

An Act to remove doubts respecting the competency of Witnesses in certain cases.

Passed 7th March 1846.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen as to the competency of persons rated, 'or liable to be rated, or otherwise, for rates and taxes in the several Towns and Parishes in this Province, as Witnesses in cases where the Officers of the said Town or Parish, or any one or more of them, acting for and on behalf of such Towns or Parishes, be a party, or where the said Towns or Parishes may in any manner be affected, and also in cases where any pecuniary penalty, or part of such penalty, may be given to the use of the Poor of such Town or Parish, or otherwise, for the benefit thereof;'

Rate payers to be competent witnesses in cases where Parishes or Parish Officers may be concerned.

Be it declared and enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That no person by reason of being rated, or liable to be rated, or otherwise, for rates and taxes in any Town or Parish within this Province, shall be deemed and taken thereby to be an incompetent Witness in any case in which the Officers of such Town or Parish, or any one or more of them, acting for and on behalf of such Town or Parish, shall be a party, or where the said Town or Parish