

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1786. Saint John, NB: J. Ryan, 1786.

26 George III – Chapter 15

An Act for the Regulating Weights and Measures

- I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,
That there shall be one just beam or ballance, one certain weight and measure and one yard according to the standard of his Majesty's Exchequer in England, used throughout this province; and whosoever shall keep any other weight, measure or yard whereby any corn, grain or other thing is bought or sold, shall forfeit for every offence five shillings, being thereof convicted by the oath of one sufficient witness before any justice of the peace, to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods, to the use of the poor of the town or parish where such offence shall be committed.
- II. And for the better observation of and putting in execution this act, Be it further enacted that the clerks of the market to be annually appointed or chosen in the several towns or parishes in the respective counties in this province shall procure a set of weights and measures according to such standard and shall cause to be assayed, sealed and marked with the letters G. III. R. all weights and measures brought to him for that purpose, to be used in the respective towns and parishes for which they shall be so appointed or chosen, for each and every of which weights and measures so assayed, sealed and marked, the said clerk of the market shall have and take one penny, and if any clerk of the market shall neglect or refuse when thereunto required, to assay, seal and mark any weight or measure he shall forfeit for every offence five pounds on conviction by presentment or indictment at the quarter sessions, one moiety thereof to the prosecutor and the other moiety to the use of the poor of the town or parish where such offence shall be committed, to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods, and for default of such distress the offender to be imprisoned by warrant of the justices at such session 'till payment be made. Saving always nevertheless, unto the city of Saint John, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the same city, and all and every of them, all such rights, privileges and usages as they or either of them can justly claim as clerk of the market within the said city or otherwise howsoever, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.