

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1788. Saint John, NB: J. Ryan, 1788.

28 George III – Chapter 4

An Act to provide for the Support of a Light House, to be built upon Partridge-Island

Whereas it is necessary and expedient, that provision should be made for the support of a Light-House, to be erected upon Partridge-Island, lying at the entrance of the harbour of the city of Saint John, for the safety of Vessels coming into, and going out of the said harbor.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Assembly, That from and after the time it shall be certified under the seal of the Corporation of the said City, to the Treasurer of the Province, that a Light-House is erected and used as such upon the said Island, there be and hereby is granted unto His Majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of such Light-House, a duty of two pence upon every ton each vessel belonging to the port of Saint John, of the burthen of fifteen tons and upwards, other than coasters or fishing vessels, shall measure agreeable to her Register, that may arrive in the said harbour; and upon all vessels not belonging to the said Port, which shall so arrive, a duty of four pence upon each and every ton agreeable to the aforesaid measurement, which duties shall be paid at the time of the arrival of such vessels in the said harbour unto the Treasurer of the Province, or his deputy, who are hereby authorized to demand and receive the same, and upon refusal of payment to be proved upon oath before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the said city and county, to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the guns, boat, tackle and apparel and furniture of such vessels, under the hand and seal of such Justice directed to any Sheriff or Constable, or Marshal of the said city, rendering the overplus if any after deducting the costs and charges of distress and sale to the matter or person having the command of such vessel.

II. And be it further enacted, That no vessel shall be deemed a fishing vessel within the meaning of this act excepting such as shall be wholly employed in that business, nor shall any vessel be deemed a coaster excepting such as shall be wholly employed within the Bay of Fundy.

III. And be it further enabled, That every coasting vessel shall pay in lieu of the said duty at the rate of ten Shillings per annum, and no more, to be received and recovered in manner aforesaid.

IV. And be it further enabled, That all monies arising by the aforesaid duties shall be applied towards the support of the said Light-House, to be issued for that purpose, by warrant under the hand and seal of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being; and in case there be more monies raised than is necessary for the support of the said Light-House, the surplusage to be

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disposed of by an act or acts of the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly to be passed for that purpose.