

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1793. Fredericton: J. Ryan, 1793.

33 George III – Chapter 2

An Act to Prevent the Encumbering or Filling up of Harbours.

Whereas great injury may be done to the different Harbours in this province, by throwing ballast and rubbish into the same.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That no Master or Commander of any ship or vessel, shall presume to unload or throw overboard, any ballast or rubbish into any road, port or harbour within this province, or to land the same in any other part of such road, port or harbour than shall be appointed by the Port Wardens of the respective ports, under the penalty of ten pounds; to be recovered of the said Master or Commander with the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county where such offence shall be committed; which penalty shall be paid to such Port Wardens, to be by them expended in erecting and fixing of beacons, landmarks or buoys and other necessary purposes for the benefit of the harbours in their respective counties, who, shall be accountable to the Justices in their Sessions for such expenditure.

II. And be it further enacted, That in ballasting or unballasting any ship or vessel in any other place than shall be so appointed, there shall be a sufficient piece of canvas or tarpauling reaching from the ballast-port or gunwale of such ship or vessel to the lighter or boat to prevent any part of the ballast or rubbish falling into such road, port or harbour, under the penalty of forty shillings, to be recovered, appropriated and accounted for as aforesaid; Provided, that nothing in this act shall extend or be construed to extend to the City of Saint John.