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35 George III – Chapter 6

**An Act to provide for the Support of Beacons to be erected for better securing the navigation of Passamaquoddy Bay, and building a Slip in the Harbour of Saint Andrews.**

Whereas, it is necessary and expedient for the greater security of the navigation of Passamaquoddy Bay, that provision should be made for the erection and support of Beacons or Landmarks to be erected by such Commissioners as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor shall appoint, or the major part of them, at the following places, viz. One on the south eastern point of Saint Andrews Island, a second on the extremity of Indian Point, a third on the Sand Spit called Sandy Island, and a fourth on the bar which runs from the town of Saint Andrews to Saint Andrews Island.

And whereas, it is further expedient, for the more safe and easy landing at all times of tide in the harbour of Saint Andrews, that provision should also be made for building and repairing a Slip or Landing-place, to be built by such Commissioners in the said harbour, running from high to low watermark on the Flats in front of the Public Landing.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the time it shall be certified under the hands of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the county of Charlotte, or the major part of them, to the Deputy Province Treasurer for the said county, that such Beacons are erected by Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, there be, and hereby are granted to His Majesty his Heirs and Successors for the building, erection and support of such Slip and Beacons the following duties of tonnage on all inward bound vessels entering Passamaquoddy Bay within Deer Island of the following descriptions and at the following rates, viz. on all vessels (coasting vessels excepted) one half penny per ton for every ton they respectively admeasure agreeable to register; and on all coasting vessels one shilling and three pence for each time they arrive in Passamaquoddy Bay aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, That every master of such ship or vessel who shall refuse or neglect to call upon the Deputy Province Treasurer and pay to him such tonnage within forty eight hours after his arrival shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds to be sued for and recovered before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace and applied for the purpose of erecting such Slip and Beacons.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid to superintend and complete the erecting of the said Slip and Beacons or the major part of them, shall have power and authority to call upon the Deputy Province Treasurer for such sum or sums of money as he shall from time to time have collected, excepting the amount of five per cent which it shall be lawful for such Deputy Treasurer to retain in full for his trouble in collecting the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall at the first court of General Sessions of the Peace in the said county of Charlotte yearly render an account to the Justices of the said Sessions of the monies from time to time received and expended by them under this act, and shall also, on completing the said Slip and Beacons, pay the ballance (if any ) remaining in their hands into the county Treasury for the purpose of defraying the expences of keeping in repair such Slip and Beacons.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall take away, cut down, destroy or deface either of the said Beacons, such offender or offenders shall on due conviction thereof by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds to be applied as aforesaid, and on failure of payment thereof or want of goods or chattels whereon to levy, such offender or offenders shall be committed by such Justices to the County Gaol for a space not exceeding three months.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this act shall continue in force for the term of five years and no longer.