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50 George III – Chapter 5

**An Act for the better security of the Navigation of certain Harbours in the County of Northumberland. Passed the 14th March, 1810.**

Whereas for the greater safety and convenience of the Navigation of the Bay and harbours of Miramichi, Buctouche, Richibucto and Cocagne, it is necessary that Beacons or Buoys be erected in said Bays and harbours and that provision be made for defraying such expences as may be incurred in erecting, repairing and replacing such Beacons or Buoys.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioners as His Honor the President or Commander in Chief for the time being shall appoint, or the major part of them, to cause to be erected in said Bays and harbours such a number of Beacons and Buoys, as they or the major part of them, shall think necessary for the safety and conveniency of the navigation of the same.

II. And be it further enacted, That so soon as the said Beacons or Buoys shall be erected, and the same certified to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, or major part of them, to be appointed in manner herein before mentioned, there be and hereby is granted unto His MAJESTY, his heirs and successors for defraying such expences as may be incurred in erecting, re pairing, or replacing such Beacons or Buoys, that is to say, on all vessels entering the Bay and harbours of Miramichi, Buctouche, Richibucto, and Cocagne the tonnage duties herein aftermentioned, to wit, on all vessels, (coasting craft excepted,) one halfpenny for each and every ton such vessels admeasure per Register, for each and every time such vessel or vessels arrive in any of the said harbours.

III. And be it further enacted, That the tonnage duties herein imposed shall be collected by the Deputy Province Treasurer for the County of Northumberland, or such person or persons as he may appoint for that purpose, and that the said Commissioners shall have full power and authority to call upon the said Deputy Province Treasurer and the persons to be appointed by him as aforesaid, for such sum and sums or money as they respectively have collected; an account of which sum, so to be collected by the persons to be appointed by the said Deputy Province Treasurer as aforesaid, shall be by them respectively, - when called upon as aforesaid, rendered upon oath to the said Commissioners, deducting from the amount collected ten per cent which it shall be lawful for such Deputy Province Treasurer to retain for his trouble in collecting the same.

IV. And be it farther enacted, That every master of such ship or vessel who shall refuse or neglect to call upon the Deputy Province Treasurer, or such person as he may appoint for said County or place, and pay to him Such tonnage duties as are herein before imposed within five days after his arrival shall forfeit and pay for such neglect the sum of three pounds, to sued for by the said Deputy Province Treasurer or other person authorised to receive the same, and recovered before

any one of His MAJESTY'S Justices of the Peace, and applied for the purpose of erecting, repairing, and replacing such Beacons and Buoys.

V. And be it further enacted That the Commissioners to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, shall at the first General Sessions of the Peace, held in the County of Northumberland, in each and every year, render an account yearly of the monies from time to time received and expended in pursuance of this Act, the balances if any to be applied by the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, for the purpose of further improving the navigation of said Bays and Harbour.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall take away, destroy, deface, or remove any of the said Beacons or Buoys, such, offender or offenders-shall on due conviction thereof by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace; forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds to be recovered and applied as aforesaid, and on failure of the payment thereof, or want of goods and chattels whereon to levy; such offender or offenders shall be committed by such justice to the County Gaol for a space of time not exceeding one month.

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