

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1819. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1819.

59 George III – Chapter 8

An Act to provide for the support of a Light-House to be built upon Point Escuminac in the County of Northumberland. Passed the 24th of March, 1819.

Whereas it is expedient and necessary that provision should be made for the support of a Light-House to be erected upon Point Escuminac, situated at the entrance of Miramichi Bay, for the safety of vessels navigating the waters of the Straits of Northumberland and Gulf of Saint Lawrence, from which such Light-House could be discerned, as well as of those coming into and going out of the River Miramichi,

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the time it shall be certified by the Justices of the Peace for the county of Northumberland, in General or Special Sessions to the Treasurer of the Province, that a Light-House is erected and used as such upon the said Point; 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 this Province, of the burthen of fifteen tons and upwards, (other than coasters or fishing vessels) shall measure agreeable to her Register, that may arrive in said River or Harbour; and upon all vessels not belonging to the said Province 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 River or Harbour, unto the Treasurer of the Province, or his Deputy, who are hereby authorised to demand and receive the same; and upon refusal of payment, to be proved on oath before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the said County of Northumberland, to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the Guns, Boats, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, of such vessels under the hand and seal of such Justice, directed to the Sheriff or any Constable of the said County, rendering the overplus, if any, after deducting the costs and charges of distress and sale, to the master or Person having the command of such vessel.

II. And be it further enacted, that vessels, owned by Residents in this Province, that are employed during the whole of the summer season within the Gulf of St. Lawrence or Straits of Northumberland, but which during the winter, when there is no employment for them in the said Gulf or Straits, occasionally make a voyage to any port or ports without the said Gulf or Straits, shall be considered and deemed as coasters: and also that vessels generally employed in fishing, but occasionally for other purposes, are to be considered and deemed as fishing vessels within the meaning of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, that every coaster or fishing vessel shall pay in lieu of the said duty, at the rate of ten shillings per annum; to pay the same, and no more to be received, and upon refusal, recovered in manner aforesaid.

IV. And be it further enacted, that all monies arising from the said 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 Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of the Province for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council; and in case there be more monies received than are necessary for the support of the said Light-House, the surplusage to be disposed of by an Act or Acts of the Legislature to be passed for that purpose.

V. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for three years and to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer.