

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1820. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1820.

60 George III – Chapter 15

An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province. Passed the 25th of March 1820.

Whereas it has become expedient to provide for such sick and disabled Seamen, who may hereafter be brought into this Province, and are not Paupers of any Parish within the same—

- I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, every ship or vessel that shall arrive at any port or place within this Province, and shall be of the burthen of sixty tons, or upwards, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Province, or his Deputy at the port or place where such ship or vessel may arrive, the sum of one penny per ton for every registered ton such ship or vessel shall be rated at; which said sum of one penny shall be paid as aforesaid, by the master, owner, or consignee, at the time of entry, at the office of the Treasurer of the Province, or his Deputy, and before breaking bulk or discharging any ballast, at such port or place where such ship or vessel shall so arrive.
- II. And be it further enacted, That the duty imposed by this Act, when paid as aforesaid, shall be paid over by the Treasurer of the Province, or his Deputy, to the Overseers of the Poor at such port or place where such duty shall be levied and collected in and by virtue of this Act, by warrant under the hand and seal of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief (by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council) for the time being.
- III. And be it further enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor in such ports or places where such duties shall be collected as herein before mentioned, shall render an account of the expenditure of such monies, for such sick and disabled Seamen as may be relieved by the provisions of this Act, under oath, to the Justices of the Peace, at any General Session, within such County where such expenditure shall be made, at least once in every year, which account so rendered, shall be by them transmitted to the Treasurer of the Province.
- IV. And be it further enacted, That before any sick or disabled Seaman who may be brought into any port or place within this Province, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, the master, owner, or consignee, of such ship or vessel bringing such sick or disabled Seaman as aforesaid, shall certify on oath, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at or nearest to the port or place where such ship or vessel may arrive, that such sick or disabled Seaman claiming the benefit of this Act, is not possessed of any property, and has not any wages due to him.
- V. And be it further enacted, That the master, owner, or consignee, of any ship or vessel owned in this Province, may, and they are hereby authorized to demand and take from the wages of every mate, seaman, or other person employed and articted for the management and navigation

of any such ship or vessel, the sum of sixpence per month, to cover the amount of the tonnage duty arising in and by virtue of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to make any vessel or vessels denominated and known coasters, liable to pay the said tonnage duty herein before imposed, more than once in each and every year, and to be paid by such vessel or vessels at the first time of entry into any port or place within this Province, in each and every year.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be, and continue in force for five years, and thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.