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4 George IV – Chapter 21

**An Act for the regulation of Booms for securing Masts, Logs, and Lumber, in certain parts of the County of Northumberland. Passed the 27th March, 1823.**

Whereas it has been found necessary to erect Booms on several of the branches of the River Miramichi, for the purpose of securing such Timber as maybe hauled out and thrown into the same in a general deposit, until it can be conveniently rafted by the respective owners, to the different places of destination: And whereas it is necessary that proper regulations should be established, to insure the safe delivery of the same to the owners—

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That it shall and maybe lawful for the Justices of the Peace, for the County of Northumberland, in their General Sessions, to make and establish such rules and regulations as to them may appear necessary, respecting such Booms as have been erected, or may hereafter be erected on any branches of the River Miramichi, and to appoint Boom Masters from time to time, and to fix their fees for attending such Booms and superintending the safe delivery of the Lumber passing through the same.

II. And be it further enacted, That any person or persons who may violate any of the rules so to be made as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Pounds, with costs, for each and every offence; to be recovered upon conviction thereof, by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, rendering the overplus (if any) to such offender; and for want of sufficient goods and chattels whereon to levy, the said Justice is hereby required to commit such offender to the common Gaol of the said County, there to remain for a term not less than ten, and not exceeding twenty days.

III. And be it further enacted, That one moiety of all the penalties that may be recovered under and by virtue of any regulation which may be made by the said Justices pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be paid to the person or persons who shall prosecute for the same, and the other moiety thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town or Parish where such offence shall be committed, to be applied to the use of the Poor of such Town or Parish.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Justices to grant permission for the erecting any Boom or Booms that may operate to the injury of any trade or business carried on on any of the said blanches.

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