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4 George IV – Chapter 22

**An Act to encourage the Commerce of this Province, by granting bounties on the exportation of certain articles. Passed the 27th March, 1823.**

Whereas it is deemed expedient to encourage the Trade of this Province, by granting bounties upon the exportation of certain imported articles, not the produce of British North America—

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every person or persons, being British Subjects, and resident in this Province, who shall export from any Port in this Province, any Wheat Flour, Rice, Shingles, Red and White Oak Staves or Heading, or Pitch Pine Lumber, not being the growth, produce, or manufacture of any part of British North America, shall be entitled to receive the following bounties thereon, viz :—For every barrel of Wheat Flour, the sum of Four Shillings and Eightpence; for every hundred pounds of Rice, net weight, the sum of Two Shillings and Threepence; for every thousand of Cypress Shingles, the sum of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence; for every thousand Red Oak Staves, the sum of Twenty Shillings; for every thousand White Oak Staves or Heading, the sum of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence; and for every thousand feet of Pitch Pine Lumber, the sum of Twenty Shillings. Provided, always, that the same be exported within six months from the time of the importation thereof.

II. And be it further enacted, That the bounties herein before allowed, shall be paid by the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, to the owner or exporter thereof, out of the monies arising from the duties imposed on the importation of the same articles so exported, when the same duties shall be received, and not before. Provided always, that previous to any part of such bounties being paid, the owner or importer of such articles, shall at the time of exporting the same, make and subscribe the following oath, before the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, to wit:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do swear, that the \_\_\_\_\_ by me now shipped on board the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ is Master, was lawfully imported into this Province, in the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ was Master, from \_\_\_\_\_ and that the duties thereon have been paid, or secured to be paid at this Office, and that the same, or any part thereof, is not the growth, produce, or manufacture, of this Province, or of any part of British North America, and is not intended to be relanded in any part of this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.

And provided, also, That the Master of the ship or vessel in which the same articles are to be exported, shall make and subscribe the following oath, to be endorsed on the last mentioned affidavit, before the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, to wit:

I do swear, that the articles shipped by \_\_\_\_\_ as mentioned in the affidavit upon the other side hereof, are now actually on board the whereof I am Master, bound for and that the same, or any part thereof, are not again to be relanded in any part of this Province, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.

And provided also, That it shall be incumbent on the owner or exporter of such articles, to produce to the Treasurer or to the Deputy to whom the duties on the importation of such articles shall have been paid, or secured, a certificate under the hand and seal of the Collector, or principal Officer of the Customs, at the post or place to which the same shall be exported.

And provided also, That it shall be further incumbent upon the owner or exporter (upon producing such certificate and requiring the bounties as aforesaid), to make and subscribe the following oath, before the Treasurer or one of his Deputies, to wit:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do swear, that the articles by me exported on board the \_\_\_\_\_ whereof \_\_\_\_\_ was Master, a certificate of the landing of which is now by me exhibited, have been really and bona fide landed at \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any of the before specified articles shall be fraudulently relanded in any part of this Province, after shipment for exportation as aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited, proceeded against, and applied, in the manner directed by the Revenue Laws in force, in respect to articles by those Laws declared to be forfeited.

IV. And be it further enacted. That if it shall be discovered at any time before, or within one year after the bounties shall be so received, upon the exportation of any of the articles as aforesaid, that any of those articles have been fraudulently relanded in any part of this Province, the owner or exporters of such articles, shall forfeit and pay the sum of One Hundred Pounds for each offence, to be recovered by information to be made and filed by His Majesty's Attorney General, in manner as may be directed by the Revenue Laws then in force for the recovery of penalties inflicted by those Laws, and applied, after deducting the costs and charges, one half to the Informer, and the other half to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, for the use thereof.

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