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7 George IV – Chapter 6

**An Act to maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province. Passed the 7th of March 1826.**

Whereas it is expedient to maintain an Armed Cutter for enforcing the Revenue Laws of this Province.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That all vessels, arriving from Foreign Countries, with Cargoes, shall land the same, in the Harbours of the respective Free Ports, in this Province, and at no other place; under the penalty of two hundred pounds, to be recovered in the same manner as is prescribed in the third Section of an Act made and passed in the third year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an "Act for raising a Revenue in this Province," and to be paid as follows:—One moiety to the Informer, and the other moiety into the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, for the use thereof, and that it shall be the duty of the Tide Surveyors for the City and County of Saint John, and for the County of Charlotte respectively, to attend to the unlading of any vessel or vessels so arriving from any foreign Country with Cargoes as aforesaid, in the same manner, and under the same regulations as is prescribed in the eighth section of the before recited Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, to appoint four or more Commissioners, who shall have power to make all necessary contracts for the arming, furnishing and provisioning proper vessel to be employed in more effectually enforcing the Revenue Laws of this Province, and to retain and pay such Master and other officers as may be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, and a sufficient Crew for the said Cutter, and also to direct from time to time, how the said vessel shall be employed; and the said Commissioners shall render a yearly account of the money so expended by them for the purposes aforesaid, to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, and His Majesty's Council, and the amount of such expenditure shall be paid to the said Commissioners by the Treasurer, on the Warrant of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Master of the said Cutter, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have the same powers to enter and search for uncustomed Goods, as belong to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of this Province, and in like manner to detain or seize all dutiable articles imported or landed contrary to the provision of this or any other Act; and the said Master shall have power to bring to, detain and examine any vessel or boat which may be found hovering around the coast and bays or rivers of this Province, or at anchor off, or in the same, or otherwise suspected of violating the Revenue Laws of this Province, and to bring in or send such vessel or boat to some convenient place or harbour, in order that any uncustomed Goods which he may

have found and seized on board the same, may be unloaded and removed; and the said Master so to be appointed, shall, before the exercise of his said office, enter into Bonds to His Majesty with good and sufficient Sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties and services hereby enacted and required, and shall be subject to such orders and regulations as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, shall from time to time be pleased to make and give, and shall monthly render a just and true account to the said Commissioners of the money expended by him, for the necessary disbursement of the said Cutter.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.