

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1838.

2 Victoria – Chapter 7

An Act to preserve the Harbors and Roadsteads of Newfoundland and its Dependencies from Nuisances and Obstructions. (Passed 25th October, 1838.)

Whereas it is necessary to make provision for the prevention of Nuisances and Obstructions in the Harbors and Roadsteads of Newfoundland and its Dependencies:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, that no Ballast, Stones, or any thing else hurtful or injurious to any of the Harbors or Roadsteads in the said Island and its Dependencies, shall be thrown out of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or otherwise, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, to the prejudice of any of the said Harbors or Roadsteads; and if any Person or Persons shall throw out of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or otherwise, any Ballast, Stones, or any other things injurious or hurtful to any of the Harbors or Roadsteads of this Island or its Dependencies, the Person or Persons so offending shall incur and become liable to pay a Fine to our Sovereign Lady the Queen of not less than Forty Shillings, nor more than Ten Pounds Sterling, or to Imprisonment for any time not exceeding Ten Days, or both, at the discretion of the Court or Justices before which any such Offenders or Offender shall be convicted.

II. And be it further enacted, that any Breach or Offence against this Act, shall or may, upon the complaint of any Person, be heard and determined in a summary way before any two or more Justices of the Peace, and any Fine or Penalty imposed by such Justices shall or may be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury, to be applied to the public uses of the said Island, and for the support of the Government thereof.