

as often as he or they shall think fit, to enter into any Ship or Vessel Trading to and from this Province, and into any House, Ware-house, or other Building, and open any Trunk, Chest, Cask or Fardle, and Search to make in any Part or Place of such Ship or Vessel, Houses or Buildings as aforesaid, where such Naval Officer shall suspect any Furs or Skins to be as aforesaid, for which no Account is given, or Duty paid, as aforesaid; and upon finding any such Furs and Skins unqualified for Exportation as aforesaid, them to seize and have condemned, as by this Law is before directed.

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Power of the Naval Officers to enter any Ships, Vessels, Houses, &c. to search for and make Seizure of Goods.

V. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the Publication hereof as aforesaid, all Persons not being Inhabitants of this Province, exporting out of the same, any Pork, Beef, or Bacon, shall pay unto her sacred Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Use in this Act before mentioned and expressed, the several Imposts following, *That is to say*, For dried Beef and Bacon, Twelve Pence the Hundred Weight, and so proportionably for any greater or lesser Quantity; and for Pork and Beef undried, Twelve Pence the Barrel; each Barrel to contain Two Hundred Weight: And that no undried Beef and Pork be exported out of this Province, but in Cask as aforesaid. Which said several Impositions shall be collected and gathered by the several and respective Naval Officers, who shall be accountable for the same as aforesaid; and have full Authority to enter any Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, and to make Search for any such Goods as aforesaid, in such Method and Manner as in this Act is before mentioned and expressed.

Non-residents to pay Duty, viz.

For dried Beef and Bacon, exported 12 d. per C. Weight.  
For Pork and Beef undried, 12 d. per Barrel, containing 200 Wt.  
No undried Beef or Pork to be exported but in Cask.

VI. And if any Person or Persons, being Non-residents as aforesaid, shall put on board any Ship or Vessel, any Beef, Bacon or Pork, for which he, she or they shall not have a Certificate as aforesaid, or that shall ship on board, any Beef or Pork undried, not being in Cask as aforesaid, such Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit and lose all his, her and their Meat so shipped as aforesaid; one Half to her said Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, to the Use aforesaid, and the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Non-residents shipping any Beef, &c. without Certificate, forfeit all such Meat.

VII. And every Master of a Ship or Vessel, that shall wittingly or knowingly take on board his said Ship or Vessel, any Beef, Bacon or Pork, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, being thereof legally convicted, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; one Half thereof to her said Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Use aforesaid, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that shall sue for the same, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Masters of Ships, &c. taking on board Beef, &c. contrary to this Act; forfeit 5000<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco.

VIII. And for the better understanding what Persons shall be adjudged Non-residents, It is hereby Declared and Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Persons whatsoever, Trading to and from this Province, shall be adjudged, deemed and taken as Non-residents, not having a seated Plantation of Fifty Acres of Land at the least, where he, she, or they, with their Family (if any) have resided for and during the Space of one whole Year, and that within the Time and Term of Twelve Months before any Benefit claimed by virtue of this Act, or that hath, or hereafter shall have, an House in some Port or Town, as his or their proper Free-hold, being Forty Foot in Length, and Twenty Foot in Breadth, with two Brick Chimneys to the same; wherein he, she or they shall have resided for and during the Space of one whole Year as aforesaid: And that no such Person or Persons, Trading to and from this Province, having Houses in any Town or Port within the same, whereby he, she or they may claim any Benefit or Freedom in this Act given to the Inhabitants thereof, shall have, hold or enjoy, such Benefit and Privilege as aforesaid, any longer than he, she or they, or his, her or their Family, shall in such Port or Town actually inhabit and reside.

Who are to be deemed Non-residents.