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herein appointed, be hereby authorized and impowered to set moderate and reasonable Rates of Storage and Wharfage, for all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, that shall be Stored in the said Store-house or Store-houses, or Landed and Shipped off from the said Wharf; and which Rates they shall cause the said Store-house-keeper to have and keep, to shew to all Persons requiring the same, and to fix a Copy thereof to remain on the Door of the said Store-house: And that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall have Power to lessen the said Rates at any Time by them set, when by Increase of Trade, or otherwise, it shall appear to them necessary.

No Lumber to remain above six Days on the Wharf, without Leave.

XVI. And be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Wharf shall be kept as clear as possible from being incommoded by the long lying of Staves or other Lumber thereon; and that no such Lumber shall be suffered to lie thereon longer than Six Days, without Permission of the said Wharfinger, or Two of the Commissioners aforesaid; but the Persons owning the same, after Notice given by the said Wharfinger, shall remove the same in Three Days after such Notice, on Penalty of Five Shillings Money aforesaid, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

Power of the Commissioners, with regard to the Public Vacancies:

XVII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them for the Time being, shall have Power to apply and set apart any Part of the Public Squares or Vacancies, to the Use of any religious Society or Persuasion, for the Building thereon any House or Houses for Public Worship, and to such other Public Uses, as to them, or the major Part of them, shall appear to be for the Interest, Profit, and Conveniency of the Inhabitants of the said Town; and shall also have Power to Lease any Part or Parcels of the said Squares or Vacancies laid out and reserved for public Uses, for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, or Three Lives, for an annual Rent, and shall not otherwise alienate any of the said Squares or Vacancies: All which Rents and Profits so arising, the Commissioners shall from Time to Time account for in the Manner herein before expressed, to be applied to the Use of the Public of *Charles-Town* aforesaid.

May lay out 100 Acres of Wood Land in the Town Common for Timber for public Uses.

Penalty on cutting down any Timber Trees from off the said Land.

XVIII. And to the End that Timber may be preserved for the public Use, such as Fencing in all or part of the Common, the raising of the Wharf, or other Public Occasions; Be it also Enacted, That the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, if they see Cause, to mark or lay out in the Common of *Charles-Town* aforesaid, the Quantity of One Hundred Acres, which shall appear to them to be best Timbered and Convenient; and that no Timber or other Trees growing or standing within the Bounds thereof, above the Girt of Eighteen Inches, to be taken or measured at the Height of Three Foot from the Ground, shall be cut down by any of the Inhabitants of the said Town, or others, without Leave of the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, on the Penalty of Ten Shillings Money aforesaid for every Tree so cut down, to be recovered before a single Magistrate of said County; one Half of which Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer, the other Half to the Commissioners, to be applied and accounted for as above said.

XIX. And whereas, notwithstanding the Plenty of Timber near the said Town, and the great Conveniencies of Forges, for the Encouragement of Building Sea-Vessels and others, and thereby settling in the said Town many useful Tradesmen and Labourers, yet for want of sufficient Depth of Water near the Shore, within any Part of the Bounds of the said Town and Common, the proceeding in that useful and necessary Branch of Trade is altogether impracticable: And whereas, in the Opinion of skilful Workmen, there is but one Place near the Boundaries of said Town, called *Seneca Point*, at present