

An Act for the Preservation of the several Harbours and Landing Places within this Province. No 29.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication of this Act, no Person or Persons whatsoever, whether Inhabitant or Foreigner, trading with Ships or Vessels of greater or lesser Burthen, having a Deck, shall unload or cast out of their said Ships or Vessels any kind of Ballast into the Harbours or Creeks where they ride, but shall lay the said Ballast on the Shore above Highwater Mark; and whosoever shall presume to do contrary to the Directions of this Act, shall, for every such Default, forfeit and pay Two thousand Pounds of Tobacco; the One Half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, to be employed for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the other Moiety to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That every respective Naval Officer within this Province, or Collector for the time being, or that shall hereafter be, shall, at their own proper Cost, take out a Copy of this Act from the Office where the Original Transcript of the Body of the Laws shall be kept, signed by the Keeper of the said Laws, and the same affix at their respective Office-Doors, to the End all Commanders and Masters of Ships or other Vessels deck'd, as aforesaid, may have due Cognizance thereof; and if such Naval Officer refuse or neglect to take out such Copy, and affix the same, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay Two thousand Pounds of Tobacco; the One Half to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, to be employed to the Use, Intent, and Purpose aforesaid, the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered, as aforesaid.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid; That if any Person or Persons shall presume to build or make any Hedge or Wear across any Creek or River towards the Head or narrow Parts thereof, below any Publick Landing Places, so as to prejudice and dam up the Chænel, shall be liable to a Fine of Five hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to be recovered, as aforesaid, to the Uses aforesaid.

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Revis'd May 24th, 1715.



An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees.

No 30.

BE it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Officer or Officers hereafter mentioned in this present Act, their Ministers, Servants, or Deputies, by reason or colour of his or their Office or Offices, have, receive or take of any Person or Persons, directly or indirectly, any other Fees than by this Act are hereafter limited and allowed to the several Officers hereafter mentioned.