

CHAPTER LXXVI.

AN ACT FOR VIEWING PIPE-STAVES.

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Proprietary and Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of this Province and Territories in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That there be one person at least within every county within this province and territories to be appointed by the respective county courts, who shall have power to view or search all such pipe-staves as are to be transported and to be used for the making of tight-casks; which officer shall, upon such his view or search, cast aside all such of the said staves as shall not be merchantable, or shall have above five wormholes therein, and shall not exceed four feet and a half in length, and in breadth three inches and a half besides the sap, and in thickness half an inch, and which are not good and sufficient for use. And the said viewers or searchers, of the respective counties, upon request made, shall view and enter into a book, to be kept for that purpose, the number of such staves as he shall approve on and adjudge merchantable, and for whom he viewed the same. And if any person or persons shall put on board any ship or vessel any pipe-staves not viewed and approved on as aforesaid (unless transported for dry casks) he shall forfeit the whole quantity of staves or value thereof. And the searcher or viewer shall take and receive two shillings for every thousand by him viewed or searched as aforesaid, and the number of six score to be reckoned and deemed the hundred.

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