

CHAPTER DLXII.

An ACT to amend the act, entitled *An act to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable staves, heading, boards and timber.* (a)

WHEREAS the act of General Assembly of this province, entitled *An act to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable staves, heading, boards and timber*, has, in sundry respects, been found, on experience, to require further additions and amendments, in order to preserve the credit of those commodities at foreign markets: *Be it therefore enacted*, That no merchant, or other person or persons whatsoever, shall, from and after the publication of this act, lade or put on board any ship or vessel any staves, heading, boards, plank or timber, for exportation out of this province, before he, she or they, shall first submit the same to the examination of the officer, or one of his deputies, appointed, or to be appointed, in pursuance of the direction of the said recited act, for culling of staves and heading, and that at, or as near as conveniently may be to, the time of such lading or putting the same on board, provided such examination be had and made within forty-eight hours before the actual lading and shipping thereof. And if any merchant or merchants, or any other person or persons whatsoever, shall offend in the premises, he, she or they, shall be liable to the same pains, penalties and forfeitures, as are directed to be imposed for shipping of unmerchantable staves and heading by the said recited act.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That if any exporter of staves or heading shall, after the same have been culled, and by the said officer, or his deputy, adjudged merchantable, willingly or wittingly mix any cullings or unmerchantable staves or heading therewith, or suffer the same to be done, every such offender or offenders shall forfeit and pay, for every culling or unmerchantable stave or heading so mixed, as aforesaid, the sum of three pence.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every such deputy or deputies shall, within six hours after he or they shall have culled and counted any quantity of staves or heading, make return to his or their principal aforesaid, a true and exact account of his or their transactions therein, under the penalty of one shilling for every hour he shall neglect or refuse so to do, in order that such transactions may be regularly entered in the book, directed by the before recited law to be kept by the principal officer aforesaid.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the penalties and forfeitures imposed by this act shall be recovered, applied and appropriated, in the same manner as the penalties and forfeitures, inflicted by the said recited act, are directed to be recovered, applied and appropriated.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the act of General Assembly of this province, passed in the first year of the reign of his present majesty, entitled *A Supplement to an act, entitled An Act to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable staves, heading, boards and timber*,* be, and is hereby repealed, and declared, null and void.

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(a) For the original act, and a general reference to the laws on the same subject, see ante. chap. 499. (Note to former edition.)

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No staves, &c. to be shipped before submitted to the examination of the officer;

within forty-eight hours before lading.

Penalty on mixing cullings with merchantable staves, &c.

Deputies to make return to their principal.

Penalties how to be recovered.

Repeal of a former law.

*Chap. 462.