

of sunken floats,
&c. subject to a
penalty.

salmon fisheries in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, have been, and are frequently resorted to, such as placing or fastening sunken floats, shingles or billets of wood or branches of trees in the main channels of Rivers, so as to turn the salmon from their ordinary course, up the several channels of the aforesaid rivers, and by that means drive them from thence into the nets, thus defeating the purpose of affording a regular passage for the salmon to their spawning recesses;— Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons placing or causing to be placed any description of sunken floats, shingles or billets of wood or branches of trees, fastened or moored to the bottom, with lines or otherwise, in any of the Channels of the aforesaid Rivers in the aforesaid Inferior District of Gaspé, herein-before directed, to be left open and undisturbed, shall, upon being thereof convicted, incur a forfeiture and penalty for the first offence of five pounds, current money of this Province; and for every subsequent offence, a further forfeiture and penalty of ten pounds, current money aforesaid, and be committed to the Common Gaol of the Inferior District of Gaspé, for and during the term of one Calendar month.

The penalty.

Justices of the
Peace, &c. autho-
rised to remove
nets, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of each and every Justice of the Peace, Officer of Militia or Peace Officer in and for the said Inferior District of Gaspé, and in either of the aforesaid Counties of Cornwallis or Northumberland, within the limits aforesaid, on view or on complaint or information to him given or made by any person whomsoever, forthwith to remove any net, seine or other obstruction that shall be found in any of the aforesaid Rivers, contrary to this Act, and any person who shall neglect, delay or refuse to be aiding and assisting when thereunto required, any Justice of the Peace, Officer of Militia or Peace Officer, in the execution of the duty by this Act imposed, shall incur and pay a forfeiture and penalty of twenty shillings for every such offence, and in default of payment of the said penalty, be committed to prison; for the term of fifteen days.

Penalty on per-
sons refusing to
assist them.

Penalty.

Justices of the
Peace, &c. re-
moving such nets
&c. to keep the
same in their cus-
tody, until pay-
ment of the pen-
alty is paid.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Justice of the Peace, Officer of Militia or Peace Officer, who shall have removed such net, seine or other obstruction, shall have power and authority to keep and retain the same in his custody or possession, (using all due precautions necessary for the preservation thereof,) until payment or tender of the penalty incurred, with all lawful charges and expenses, shall have been made.

Owners of the
nets not being
known, Justices
of the Peace hav-

XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the owner of any such net, seine or other obstruction be not known or cannot be found, the Justice