

grant such register, shall conceive to be competent security, residents of this province, with condition that if she shall at any time afterwards be employed in any destination, other than such as her clearance or pass shall from time to time specify, that the said sum shall be forfeited.

VI. And be it also enacted by the same authority, that the adventurers in the commerce aforesaid shall not be punishable or accountable, for the use of any wood or timber cut down and taken for fuel, or the purpose of building, masting, equipping or repairing any such vessels, from the ungranted territories and unlocated lands of the Crown, provided always, and be it enacted, that no new-fixed settlements shall be any where made in the Western country, except for the temporary protection and defence of commercial effects, without his Majesty's Royal grant or patent first had, under the great seal of this Province.

VII. And be it also enacted by the same authority, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any small vessels under the burthen of five tons, found navigating the river St. Lawrence and the bay of Quinty, on the North-eastern side of Lake Ontario, for the convenience of the loyalists and others in their settlements: provided always, that no such small vessels be at any time used for the purpose of any trade prohibited by this Act, or any other law of this Province.

VIII. And to remove the trees felled into the river of St. Lawrence, and the small rivers falling into it Westward of the Eastern-bounds of the Township of Lancaster, which have greatly incommoded the navigation by compelling boats to contend with the force of the currents, be it further enacted by the same authority, that the offence aforesaid shall incur the penalty of ten shillings for every tree so felled to be recovered in a summary way before any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, and levied by his warrant to any constable or peace-officer, for the distress and sale of the offenders's goods and chattels at public auction, returning the surplus if any there be, to the offender; and for the removal of the present obstructions by the fifteenth day of July next, it shall be the duty of the residents claiming the land on the shores *within one league* of any tree laying in the water, and inconvenient to the navigation as aforesaid, to take away or prevent the same, and that every person neglecting such duty shall incur the penalty of five pounds, to be recovered in manner aforesaid—all which said penalties shall belong, one moiety thereof to the Crown, and be paid to the receiver-general and accounted for by him, as his duty and the Royal instructions may from time to time require, and the other moiety belong to him who shall sue for the same.

IX. And be it also enacted by the same authority, that the persons so to be commissioned for the discharge of the trusts aforementioned, shall, with all possible dispatch, make out the clearance of such vessel for her intended voyage, and shall annex the same to the manifest of her cargo, which the master shall then deliver to him for that purpose, for which clearance, for every intended voyage, he shall take no greater fee or reward than such as are herein after mentioned, to wit, for every vessel from ten to twenty tons burden ten shillings, for every vessel above twenty and not exceeding fifty tons burden fifteen shillings, and for every vessel exceeding fifty tons burden twenty shillings, beside the certificate of a report of arrival at and the passing a post, which is to be five shillings, and for demanding any greater fee or reward, shall forfeit twenty pounds, with costs of suit to the party injured, upon due conviction before any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, upon a summary trial to