

having on board such number as aforesaid of Fire Buckets, six Lanterns and Life Preservers, in good serviceable condition, they or either of them shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds for each and every time such Vessel may so depart without being provided as aforesaid, to be recovered, levied and applied as is directed in and by the said fifth Section of this Act.

Recovery and application of penalties.

V. And be it enacted, That all and every such forfeiture or forfeitures may be sued for and prosecuted by action of debt, bill, plaint or information in the Supreme Court of Judicature for this Province, by any person who shall sue for and prosecute for the same, together with costs of suit, and on recovery one moiety thereof to be applied to the person who may so sue and prosecute, the other moiety to be paid into the Treasury of the Province for the use of the government thereof.

Commissioners for certain Ports or Districts to be appointed to board and examine vessels and report to the Lieutenant Governor.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint three Commissioners resident at the City of Saint John, for the Harbour and River Saint John and the Bay of Fundy, and the Harbours and Inland Waters of the County of Charlotte, and also three Commissioners residing at Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, for the Rivers, Harbours, Inland Waters and Coasts of this Province within the Gulf of Saint Lawrence; which Commissioners so to be appointed, shall be empowered and they are hereby required and directed respectively to go on board as often as need be any such Steam Vessel; and in the event of any such Steam Vessel departing or navigating without being equipped with Boats or furnished with Fire Buckets, Lanterns and Life Preservers as aforesaid, as is prescribed in and by the first and third sections of this Act, it shall be the duty of such Commissioners respectively to report the same to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, in order that the party or parties so offending may be proceeded against in the manner prescribed in and by the said fifth Section of this Act.

Commissioners empowered to make regulations for the management of Steam Vessels to prevent collision.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners at the respective places before mentioned, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby required to make such rules and regulations for the better management of Steam Vessels in navigating the Inland Waters and Harbours of this Province, and on the Coast within the district thereof for which they may be appointed, by directing the shewing of a light or lights during the night, the shore to be kept nearest to when ascending and descending the River Saint John and other Rivers, and how Sailing Vessels shall be passed, in order to prevent collision and accidents; and every Master, Commander or owner violating such rules and regulations, shall be subject not only to the penalties of the fifth Section of this Act, but also be liable for any damage sustained in consequence of such violation.

No clearance for Steam Vessels to be given unless Certificate of Commissioners of compliance with Act be produced.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no such Steam Vessel shall be entitled to or allowed a clearance at any of the Custom Houses in this Province, until it shall be made to appear to the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port where such Steamer shall require a clearance by a Certificate from the said Commissioners or any two of them that such Steamer is equipped in every respect as is required by the several provisions of this Act, and the said Collectors respectively are hereby directed not to make any such clearance until a satisfactory Certificate from the said Commissioners or any two of them to that effect shall be lodged with him or them: Provided always, that no such Certificate shall be required to be produced to such Collector more than once in every month by every such Steamer.