



16th VICTORIA—CHAPTER 69.

An Act relating to the Coast Fisheries, and for the prevention
of Illicit Trade.

New Brunswick.

Passed 3rd May, 1853.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—*I. Officers of the Provincial Treasury, and any other person duly appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for that purpose, may go on board any vessel or boat within any Harbour in this Province, or hovering within three marine miles of any of the coasts or harbours thereof, and stay on board so long as she may remain within such place or distance. Vessels hovering within three miles of the coast may be boarded.

II. If such vessel or boat be bound elsewhere, and shall continue within such harbour, or so hovering for twenty-four hours after the master shall have been required to depart, any one of the officers or persons above mentioned may bring such vessel or boat into port, and search her cargo, and also examine the master upon oath; and if the master or person in command shall not truly answer the questions demanded of him in such examination, he shall forfeit one hundred pounds, and if there be any prohibited goods on board, then such vessel or boat and the cargo thereof shall be forfeited. Proceedings when master refuses to depart.

III. If the vessel or boat shall be Foreign, and not navigated according to the Laws of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall be found fishing, or to have been fishing, or preparing to fish, within three marine miles of such coasts or harbours, such vessel or boat, and the cargo, shall be forfeited. Foreign vessels fishing, &c.

IV. All goods, vessels, and boats, liable to forfeiture, may be seized and secured by any of such officers or persons so appointed; and every person opposing them, or any one aiding such oppositions, shall forfeit two hundred pounds. Vessels and goods may be seized, &c.

V. Goods, vessels, and boats seized as liable to forfeiture under this Act, shall be forthwith delivered into the custody of the Officers of the Provincial Revenue next to the place where seized, to be secured and kept as other vessels, boats, and goods seized, are directed to be secured and kept by law. Custody of vessels and goods seized.