

Justices of the Sessions in each County to allow hedges and wears to be erected and seines and floating nets to be used.

Provided they do not obstruct the natural course of the Fish.

of such Poor. *Provided always*, that the Justices in their General Sessions of the Peace held in each County, shall, and are hereby impowered and directed to allow such Hedges and Wears; to be erected, and such Fish-garths, Seines, and floating Nets to be used, and in such manner as they may judge proper and necessary, such liberty or toleration to be granted under the express limitation and restriction that the said Hedges and Wears so to be erected, and the said Fish-garths, Seines, and floating Nets so to be used shall not obstruct, injure or hurt the natural course of the Fish in any river or place where they usually go.

Justices of the Sessions to appoint overseers of the Fisheries in each County.

Who shall have power to remove any net, hedge, wear, fish-garth, seine, &c.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Justices in their General Sessions held in each County may, and are hereby impowered to appoint one or more fit persons to be Overseers of the Fisheries within the County, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and shall have power to remove any Net, Hedge, Wear, Fish-garth, Seine, or other incumbrance that shall be found in any river, cove or creek, contrary to the regulations so to be made by the said Justices.

If any net, hedge, wear, &c. be found contrary to the regulations, and no owner appears in ten days, the same to be forfeited and sold.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Net, Hedge, Wear, Fish-garth, Seine, or other incumbrance shall be found in any river, cove or creek contrary to the regulations so made by the said Justices, and no owner shall appear to claim the same in ten days, the said Net, Seine or Fish-garth, shall together with the Fish (if any) found therein, be forfeited and sold by the said Overseers, to satisfy the Penalties aforesaid, and the overplus, if any, paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the use of the Poor of the Town or Parish where such offence shall be committed.

No net to be set longer than 30 fathoms in the main river, Saint John, or the broad part of the Kennebec-kis river—and in any of the branches of the said rivers not more than 1-4 of the width thereof.

Any person setting a net contrary to this act to pay 5s.

to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offenders goods.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That no Net shall be set longer than thirty fathoms in the main river *Saint John*, or extend more than thirty fathoms into the same river, or the broad part of the *Kennebeckakis* river, and in any of the branches of the said rivers not more than one fourth part of the width of the branch where such Net shall be so set.—And if any person or persons shall be found setting any Net otherwise than is herein directed, such person or persons shall on due conviction thereof before any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, on the oath of one or more witness or witnesses, forfeit and pay the sum of *five pounds*, one half to the informer, the other half to the Poor of the Town or Parish where such offence shall be committed, to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the goods of the offender, rendering the overplus, if any be, to such offender.

Justices for the General Sessions for the City and County of St.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of *Saint John*, shall and may make such rules and regulations for the fisheries