

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Collectors of Impost within this Island, to go on board of any Ship or Vessel, coming into any Harbour, Port, River or Creek, or any part of the Coast of this Island, either before or after such Ship or Vessel comes to Anchor, to rummage and search all parts of such Ship or Vessel, so long as she shall remain in such Port or place, and to search and examine the Cargo, and to examine if they shall see fit, the Master upon Oath, touching the Cargo and Voyage, and if the Master shall not truly answer or refuse to answer, the questions to be demanded of him in such Examination, he shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

Collector of Impost may go on board and search &c.

and remain on board whilst vessels are in harbour,

and examine masters on oath.

Penalty on master refusing to answer or answering untruly.

X. And be it enacted, That all Boats, Carriages and Cattle made use of in the removal of any Goods, liable to a forfeiture under this or any Act relating to the Provincial Revenue, shall be forfeited, and every Person who shall assist or be otherwise concerned in the unshipping, landing or removal, or in the harbouring or concealing such Goods, or into whose hands or possession the same shall knowingly come, shall forfeit treble the value thereof, or the penalty of One Hundred Pounds at the election of the officer or person prosecuting, and the averment in any information on libel to be exhibited for the recovery of such penalty, that the officer or person prosecuting has elected, to sue for the sum mentioned in the information, shall be deemed sufficient proof of such election, without any other or further evidence of such fact.

All boats, carriages &c. used in removing goods, whereon duty is not paid or secured, to be forfeited.

Penalty on persons assisting in removing such goods.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall by force or violence, assault, resist, oppose, molest, hinder or obstruct any officer of the Provincial Revenue, or other person employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, such person being thereof convicted before any Court of Record in this Island, shall pay a fine not exceeding One hundred pounds, nor less than Fifty pounds,

Penalty on persons assaulting or opposing officers.