

An Act for the protection of the Owners of Sawlogs and other Timber, and to afford them summary relief in certain cases.

WHEREAS it has been found that adequate protection is not afforded to the owners of Sawlogs and other timber against persons fraudulently obtaining possession of the same, and it is expedient to grant certain special powers to Magistrates and Justices of the Peace, to enable them to take summary proceedings when called upon so to do, to enforce the return of such sawlogs and other timber to the rightful owners thereof, and to make further provisions for the protection of the owners of such property: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

10 I. The owner or owners, or occupier or occupiers of any saw-mill, shall exhibit in a conspicuous place in his or their mill, a true representation of all the marks of saw logs which he or they claims or claim, either as his or their own particular mark or marks, or the mark or marks of his or their customer's logs; and in default thereof, he or
15 they, upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, shall pay a fine of not less than *two pounds ten shillings* nor more than *ten pounds*, and in default of payment shall be imprisoned in the county gaol for any period not exceeding thirty days.

Owners of saw mills to post up copies of their marks and those of their customers.

20 II. Any mill-owner or occupier, or mill-owners or occupiers who shall exhibit any marks to which he or they have no legal claim, shall upon conviction thereof before any Magistrate, be subject to the penalties by the second section of this Act imposed.

Penalty for posting marks not theirs.

25 III. Any servant or workman employed by the owner or occupier of a saw-mill, who shall saw up or superintend the sawing up of any log or other timber, marked with any other marks than those exhibited in the mill where he shall be at work, and which are claimed to be the marks of his employer, or the marks of the customers of his employer, or who shall cut off or deface any mark on any sawlog or other timber, not the mark of his employer, or the mark of the customers of his
30 employer, shall, upon conviction before any Magistrate, be fined in any sum not less than *five pounds ten shillings* nor more than *ten pounds* for each sawlog, and in default of payment shall be committed to the common gaol of the county for any period not exceeding thirty days.

Penalty for cutting logs bearing other persons marks.

35 IV. If any board, deal, or other piece of sawed lumber, upon which there is any other mark than that of the owner or occupier of the mill premises, shall be found in any pile of lumber in the possession of the person who shall have manufactured the same, or in the possession of his agent or

Penalty if any timber bearing any mark than that of the owner of