

aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the duties of his said Office, take the following Oath, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in this Island, that is to say ;

Ballast Master to be sworn.

I do swear, that I will well and truly perform the Duty of Ballast Master for the District to which I am appointed, to the best of my skill and judgment, without favour or affection, according to the directions of the Act of the General Assembly of this Island, in such case made and provided.—

Form of Oath

“So HELP ME GOD.”

III. *And be it further enacted*, by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the First day of May next, no Master or Masters, Owner or Owners, of any Ship, Boat, or other Vessel, nor any other person whatsoever, shall cast or unload the *Stones*,

No Master or Owner of Ship, &c. to unload Ballast into any River or Creek, &c.

Gravel, or other *Ballast*, which they may have on board, at or in any of the Rivers, Creeks, Ports, Havens, or Harbours of this Island, but on the Land, above high water mark, or a league from shore, or in such other place as the Ballast Master of such Harbour or River, wherein such Ship or Vessel shall or may arrive, shall direct and appoint, upon pain that all such Owners or Masters of Ships, Boats, or other Vessels, so casting or laying such Gravel, Stones, or other Ballast, or permitting the same to be cast or laid in any River, Creek, or Harbour of this Island, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of *Fifty Pounds*, of Sterling Money : one half part thereof to be applied towards the building or repairing of Wharves, in the Harbour or River wherein the penalty shall be incurred, and the other half to be paid to the said Ballast Master of such Harbour or River as aforesaid, and to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Island, by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, and wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed : in which Action or Suit, the Defendant or Defendants may be held to special Bail, on an Affidavit being duly made and filed of the cause of Action.

but on Land or a league from shore, or as directed by Ballast Master.

Every Master and Owner not complying with this Act.

shall forfeit 50l.

Application of Fine,

Mode of recovery of same.