

Agents not liable unless account delivered and demand made before failing of such ships &c.

*Provided*, That such agent or agents for such ship or vessel shall be liable to pay the same only where an accompt shall be delivered to, or in case of absence, left at his or their house, and the money demanded of him or them, or his or their clerk before the failing or departure of such ship or vessel from port: any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rights of mayor &c. of St. John not infringed by this act.

*Provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall infringe, impair, or do away any right, which the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John have or possess by the charter of the said city, as by law established.

### **CAP. L.**

## An ACT for regulating the exportation of FISH and LUMBER, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.

### *I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,*

Fish for exportation to be packed in barrels of at least 28 gallons.

**T**HAT from and after the first day of April all pickled herrings, mackarel, cod and scale fish for exportation shall be packed in barrels of twenty-eight gallons at least, which barrels shall be made stout of well seasoned timber, free from sap, and have three sufficient hoops on each bilge, and three on each end, the chime hoops to be secured with nails. The fish shall be all of one kind, sweet, free from rust, close pack'd and full of strong pickle. All salmon for exportation shall be packed in barrels of thirty-one gallons and a half at least, or in tierces of forty-two gallons, and shall be free from oil. And before such pickled fish are shipped for exportation, every barrel shall be surveyed and inspected by proper persons appointed for that purpose in each county town and place where such fish shall be shipped, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, and shall take care that the barrels and fish are in every respect agreeable to the regulations herein before specified, and shall mark the same with such brand or mark as shall be assigned him, which surveyor shall receive from the shipper for surveying, inspecting and branding, four pence per barrel. And all merchants and others shipping such fish, shall brand the initials of his name with his surname and N. Brunswick at full length on each barrel or tierce before they are shipped. And if any fish be shipped for exportation on board any ship or vessel before they are surveyed and branded as aforesaid, the owners or shippers of said fish and the master of the vessel receiving the same on board, shall on conviction pay a fine of five shillings for each barrel so shipped, to be equally paid by the shipper and master.

Salmon in barrels of at least 31 gallons and an half or in tierces of 42 gallons.

To be surveyed and inspected before shipping by inspectors to be appointed and sworn in each county.

All casks to be marked or branded by the inspector and also branded by the merchant shipping the same.

### *II. And*