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An Act for the regulation of Pawnbrokers and pawning.

BE it enacted, That every person exercising the trade Licence.
of a Pawnbroker, within this Province, shall take out
a license, and shall renew the same annually, on pain of
forfeiting *fifty pounds* for every pledge taken without such
5 license; to be recovered in any of Her Majesty's Courts in
this Province.

II. And be it enacted, That upon every license to be Duty on Li-
cences.
taken out yearly for using or exercising the trade or busi-
ness of a Pawnbroker within this Province, there shall be
10 paid the sum of *fifteen pounds* currency into the hands of
the Collector of Customs, nearest the residence of the
said Pawnbroker, to be accounted for to the Receiver
General, for the use of this Province.

III. And be it enacted, That no person shall keep Licence to
extend to no
more than one
house.
more than one house or shop, or place for taking in goods
to pawn, by virtue of one license, but persons in partner-
ship carrying on trade as Pawnbrokers together, in one
house, shop or place, need only take out one license for
20 one house.

IV. And be it enacted, That all persons who shall re- Who shall be
deemed
Pawnbrokers.
ceive or take by way of pawn, pledge or exchange of or
from any person any goods for the repayment of money
lent thereon, shall be deemed Pawnbrokers within the
25 intent and meaning of this Act, and shall take out a license
for the same accordingly:

V. And be it enacted, That every Pawnbroker shall Name of
Pawnbroker
to be placed
outside of his
shop or place
of business.
cause his name and the word "Pawnbroker" to be painted
or written in large legible characters over the door out-
30 side of his shop, or other place used by him for carrying
on such business, on pain of forfeiting *ten pounds* for every
shop or place made use of for one week without having
the same so put up; to be recovered, with costs, on con-
fession, or by oath or affirmation of one witness, before
35 any two Justices of the Peace, and if not forthwith paid,
upon conviction, may be levied by distress and sale, by
warrant, under the hands and seal of two Justices of this
Province, one half to the informer, the other half to the
Queen; and if there be not a sufficient distress, or pay-
ment be not forthwith made, the offender to be commit-
40 ted to the County or District Gaol, not exceeding *three*