

Letters addressed to a place out of the Province and sent *by sea* and by a private vessel:

4 Letters lawfully brought into this Province, and immediately posted at the nearest Post Office :

6 Letters of Merchants, Owners of Vessels of Merchandize, 8 or of the cargo or loading therein, sent by such vessel of Merchandize, or by any person employed by such Owners 10 for the carriage of such letters according to their respective addresses, and delivered to the persons to whom they are 12 respectively addressed, without pay, hire, reward, advantage or profit for so doing :

14 Letters, concerning goods or merchandize sent by common known carriers to be delivered with the goods to 16 which such letters relate, without hire or reward, profit or 18 advantage for receiving or delivering them :

20 Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize any person to collect any such excepted letters for the purpose of sending or conveying them as aforesaid : 22 and provided also, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to oblige any person to send any Newspaper, 24 Pamphlet or Printed Book by Post.

26 IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any person, and it shall be the duty of any Officer or person employed in the Provincial Post Office, or in the collection of the Revenue, to seize any letters conveyed, received, 28 collected, sent or delivered in contravention of this Act; and to take them to the nearest Post Office, and to give 30 such information as he may be able to give, to the Post Master, and as may be necessary for the effectual prosecution of the offender; and the letters moreover shall be 32 chargeable with letter Postage.

Letters sent contrary to this Act to be seized.

36 X. And be it enacted, That as well the Colonial, British or Foreign as the Provincial postage on any letter or packet 38 shall (if not prepaid) be payable to the Provincial Post Master General by the party to whom the same shall be addressed, or who may lawfully receive such letter or packet, 40 which may be detained until the same be paid; and any refusal or neglect to pay such postage shall be held to be a refusal to receive such letter or packet, which shall be 42 detained and dealt with accordingly, but if the same be delivered, the postage on it shall be charged against and 44 paid by the Post Master delivering it, saving his right to

Postage when payable, &c.