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ter deducting the costs and charges of prosecution, together with all reasonable charges that may have accrued, shall be paid as follows :---that is to say, one-half part to the officer seizing and prosecuting the same articles to condemnation, or complaining against and prosecuting such offender or offenders to conviction, and the other half into the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, for the use thereof: And it shall and may be lawful for the said Treasurer and his Deputy or Deputies respectively, at all times to enter on board any ship or vessel, and to examine and search throughout the same for dutiable articles, and there to seize and from thence to carry away, all such as are by this Act made liable to seizure; and being authorised by writ of assistance under the seal of His Majesty's Supreme Court, or of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the articles hereinafter mentioned shall be found (which writ the proper officers of such Courts respectively, are hereby authorised and required to issue upon the allowance or fiat of one of the Justices of such Court, to be filed together with the affidavit upon which the same is grounded) to take the High Sheriff in person, or his Deputy, or any Coroner of the County, and in the day time to enter and go into any house, store, warehouse, or outhouse, and in case of any resistance, to break open doors and open and examine casks, chests, or other packages, and there to seize and from thence to carry away, any such dutiable articles whatsoever, so landed, brought,

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