

length, and on the mainsail of such vessel or boat in figures not less than three feet in length.

Color of numbers.

XXII. Vessels or boats belonging to owners residing within the Bay of Fundy, shall be distinguished by numerals in red on the bows and mainsail; and vessels or boats belonging to owners residing on the Gulf coast of this Province, shall be distinguished by numerals in black upon a white patch on each bow, and in black upon the mainsail of such boat or vessel.

Vessel or boat to be seized and forfeited.

XXIII. Every vessel or boat under the burthen of fifteen tons, belonging to this Province, and found fishing, coasting, or piloting near its shores, without bearing a distinguishing number on the bows and mainsail, as above provided, shall be seized and detained until properly numbered, and until the payment of a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Penalty.

XXIV. If the owner of any vessel or boat under the burthen of fifteen tons, shall make any false or fraudulent description of the same, or any misrepresentation whatsoever, in order to obtain a certificate and number therefor, he shall forfeit twenty pounds.

Penalty for false or fraudulent proceedings, &c.

XXV. If any person shall make a false or fraudulent declaration, oath, or representation with reference to the sale, transfer, registry, or re-registry of any ship or vessel above the burthen of fifteen tons, or shall conspire or collude with a foreigner in any false or fraudulent transfer of a foreign ship or vessel, either to obtain a British register therefor, or for any false, fraudulent, or deceptive purpose, or shall wilfully and knowingly aid in giving to the master or owner of a foreign vessel, being a foreigner, the character of a British subject, or to a foreign vessel the character of a British vessel, he shall forfeit one hundred pounds.

Lieutenant Governor may grant Commission of the Peace, &c.

XXVI. The Lieutenant Governor may by Commission under the Great Seal, appoint the officer in command of any of Her Majesty's Vessel of War, employed on the coasts of this Province in the protection of the Fisheries, to be a Justice of the Peace in any or every County of this Province; such Commission to be in force while such Officer is employed on the coast in the protection of the Fisheries, and in command of one of her Majesty's Vessels.

Definition of terms.

XXVII. In this Chapter, "Vessels" shall include Ships, and "Harbours" shall include Ports, Bays, and Creeks.

Suspending clause.

XXVIII. This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's approbation is thereunto had and declared.

*[This Act was specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted, by an order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 24th day of October, 1853, and published and declared in the Province the 16th day of November, 1853.]*