

V. *And be it further enacted*, that all boards, planks, and scantling, shall, before exportation, be surveyed by a sworn Surveyor, who shall mark the contents in board measure, as also his own private mark, on the butt end of every piece of board, plank, or scantling, and shall furnish the purchaser with a survey bill, stating separately the number of pieces, and the quantity of clear and merchantable, and shall be entitled to receive at the rate of *one shilling and three-pence* per thousand feet of board measure, for surveying, except in the City of Saint John, where *one shilling* per thousand shall be allowed, and no private mark required, to be paid by the purchaser; and all persons shipping boards, plank, and scantling, not so marked and surveyed, shall forfeit and pay *ten shillings* for every thousand feet so shipped by them.

Boards, planks, and scantling to be surveyed before exportation, and the contents to be marked, and also the Surveyor's private mark on the butt of each piece.

Surveyor's fees.

Penalty for shipping boards, &c., not marked.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, that all masts shall not be less than three feet and one-fourth of a foot in length to every inch in diameter at the partners, and shall not be deemed merchantable unless free from rotten sap, bark, wind shakes, rotten knots, butt rots, and plugs; the size of every mast to be marked on the butt, and the Surveyor shall be entitled to receive at the rate of *two shillings and six-pence* for the survey of each and every mast; and all persons shipping masts not so surveyed and marked, shall forfeit and pay *five pounds* for every mast so shipped by them.

Masts.

What shall be deemed merchantable,

to be marked by the Surveyor.

His fees.

VII. *And whereas* some evil disposed persons are in the practice of plugging timber and masts, for the purpose of passing such timber or masts, by such deceptions, as merchantable, *Be it therefore further enacted*, that any person convicted of plugging any timber or masts, where any defect is covered by such plugging, shall be liable to pay a fine of *ten pounds* for each and every offence.

Penalty for plugging masts.

VIII.