


Regulations for the Port of Quebec,

*Extracted from an Ordinance of this Province, passed
the 30th. day of April, 1788.*

- XVII.  AND whereàs for the security of vessels in the harbour of Quebec, and to prevent accidents by fire, the following regulations are highly necessary, be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the masters of all ships or vessels that cast anchor before Quebec, and lay more than two tides without being moored, if the weather permit, causing damage by such neglect to any other ship or vessel in the harbour, shall sustain and pay the said damage.
- XVIII. That if any master of a vessel shall lay at any wharf or quay, or ground in the harbour of Quebec, with more than one pound of gun-powder on board, he shall incur a penalty of twenty pounds for every such offence.
- XIX. That if any master of a vessel throw overboard or cause to be thrown overboard in the harbour of Quebec any stone ballast, he shall incur a penalty of five pounds for every such offence.
- XX. That if any master of a vessel or any person whatsoever, cause any vessel to be graved in the *Cul-de-Sac*, or at any wharf or quay in Quebec, and there make or cause fire to be made for heating pitch, tar, turpentine, oil, or tallow, he shall incur a penalty of ten pounds for every such offence.
- XXI. That the master of every ship or vessel lying at anchor in the River before Quebec in dark nights, shall shew a light at the bowprit-end, under the penalty of ten shillings.
- XXII. That if any master of a vessel shall lay his vessel in the *Cul-de-Sac*, otherwise than with her head to the Shore and stern to the River, with an anchor laid down below the reef of rocks, or throw ballast of any kind overboard in the *Cul-de-Sac*, he shall incur a penalty of ten shillings, and be obliged to remove the same.
- XXIII. And all the fines and forfeitures by this ordinance imposed, may be sued for and recovered before any two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, one half to be paid to the person who shall sue for the same, the other half to the Receiver-general for his Majesty's use and the support of the Government, to be by him accounted for to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, and audited by the Auditor-general of the Plantations or his Deputy. And it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Port and Superintendent of Pilots to see this ordinance carried into execution, under the penalty of twenty shillings for every wilful neglect, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.
- XXIV. Provided nevertheless that nothing in this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, shall extend, or be construed to extend to any of his Majesty's ships of war, that may come into or be stationed in the River St. Lawrence or harbour of Quebec.

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