

VI. AND whereas it frequently happens that Masters of Vessels, not belonging to the Province, bring their Vessels to the Public Wharfs already erected in the said Town, and there vend and retail their Cargoes, and have the Benefit of the said Wharfs; *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That every Master of a Vessel not belonging to the Province, or directly from *Great Britain*, shall, for each and every Day he shall lie with his said Vessel at any one of the said Wharfs, pay to the Commissioners of the said Town the Sum of Two Shillings *per Day*; and in Failure of Payment thereof, the same shall and may be levied upon the Body, or Goods and Chattels, of the Delinquent, by a Warrant from under the Hand of any one Commissioner, directed to a Constable; and the Money be applied as before directed.

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Masters of Vessels
to pay Wharfages.

VII. *AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That within Two Months after the passing of this Act, any Occupier of any Lot or Lots whereon now is, or shall be built, any habitable House, shall have a Ladder, of a proportionable Length to the Height of his House; which said Ladder shall be constantly kept up against his House, that in Case of Fire, Relief may be immediately afforded, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Housekeepers to
have Ladders to
their Houses.

C H A P. XXIII.

An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Pilotage of Cape Fear River, and for other Purposes.

I. **W**HEREAS the Rates allowed for Pilotage by the before recited Act, are inadequate to the Expence of Boats and Hands proper to be employed in so material a Service:

Preamble,

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That from and after the passing of this Act, all Pilots duly authorized by a Branch from the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, may take and receive the following Rates for each Vessel they shall pilot over the Bar to *Brunswick*, and back again to Sea, *to wit,*

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Six Feet Water, the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings.

Pilots Fees.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Seven Feet, Two Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Eight Feet, Three Pounds.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Nine Feet, Three Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Ten Feet, Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Eleven Feet, Four Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Twelve Feet, Five Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Thirteen Feet, Six Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Fourteen Feet, Seven Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Fifteen Feet, Eight Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Sixteen Feet, Nine Pounds Ten Shillings.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Seventeen Feet, Eleven Pounds.

For a Vessel when loaded, drawing Eighteen Feet, Thirteen Pounds.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That any Pilot appointed to pilot Vessels from *Brunswick* to *Wilmington*, and back, shall and may receive one Half the aforesaid Rates; and if only to the Flats, and back to *Brunswick*, then one Fourth of the said Rates; Respect being had to the particular Draught of Water such Vessel shall draw.

Their Fees from
Brunswick to
Wilmington, and
the Flats.

IV. AND whereas by the before recited Act, it is Enacted, that before any Person obtain a Branch to be a Pilot, such Person must give Bond, with Two sufficient Securities, to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, in

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the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, Proclamation Money, for the due and faithful Discharge of his Office, which by Experience has been found inconvenient for many Pilots to procure; *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this Act, no larger Sum than Two Hundred Pounds, Proclamation Money, shall be required of any Persons that shall be recommended as Pilots.

Pilots to give Bond in 200 l. only.

Pen. on Pilots neglecting to attend Vessels when called upon.

V. AND whereas some of the Pilots of *Cape Fear River* are very negligent in giving due Attendance, when called upon, to carry Vessels up or down the River; *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That when any Pilot shall have Notice from the Master of any Vessel to attend in transporting such Vessel, and shall fail immediately to go on Board for that Purpose, the Pilot having such Notice, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Shillings, Proclamation Money (unless he shall actually have Charge of some other Vessel) for each and every Day's Delay of such Vessel, by Means of such Pilot's Neglect; to be recovered by a Warrant from under the Hand of one of the Commissioners, on due Proof thereof to such Commissioner; and the Money so recovered, to be applied to the Use of the Master or Owner of the Vessel for which Complaint is made. (a)

Pen. on white Persons destroying Beacons, &c.

VII. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any white Person or Persons shall be convicted of cutting down, taking up, removing, or wilfully destroying any Beacon, Buoy, Stake, or other Mark heretofore erected, or to be erected or placed within the said River, such Person shall forfeit and pay Twenty Pounds, Proclamation Money, for each and every Offence; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid: And in Case any Negro shall be guilty of the same Offence, the Master of such Negro shall be subject to the Penalty of Five Pounds, Proclamation Money; recoverable, and to be applied in the same Manner.

Pen. for Slaves.

Pen. for making fast Boats, &c. to any Stakes, Beacons, &c.

VIII. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any white Person do, or shall hereafter make fast any Raft, Pettiaugua, or other Boat, to any of the Stakes, Buoys, or Beacons, within the said River, the Person so offending shall forfeit and pay Five Pounds, Proclamation Money; and any Negro guilty of the like Offence, the Master or Owner of such Negro to be liable to the like Forfeiture; to be recovered and applied as other Fines by this Act are directed.

C H A P. XXIV.

An Act for erecting a Court-House and Prison, for the Use of the District of Edenton.

Preamble.

I. WHEREAS it is necessary that a new Court-House and Prison should be built for the Use of the District of *Edenton*;

Commissioners appointed for building a Court-House, &c.

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same,* That Mr. *Cullen Pollock*, Mr. *Joseph Hewes*, Mr. *Thomas Nash*, Mr. *Edward Vail*, and Mr. *William Lowther*, be, and are hereby nominated and appointed Trustees and Directors, for building and erecting a good and convenient Court-House, and sufficient Prison, for the Use of the District aforesaid; and for that Purpose, to contract and agree with proper Persons for compleating and finishing the said Court-House and Prison, in such Manner as they shall think necessary and convenient.

Tax laid for building Court-House, &c.

III. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Poll-Tax of One Shilling be levied on each taxable Person within the County of *Chowan*, and of Four Pence on each taxable Person within the Counties of *Currituck*, *Pasquotank*, *Perquimons*, *Bertie*, *Tyrrell*, and *Hertford*; to be collected for the present and next succeeding Years, by the Sheriffs of the said Counties respectively, and accounted for

(a) Section 6, relating to throwing Ballast in the River, altered, by Act, Nov. 1771, Chap. 11.