
 CHAPTER 47.

[47] THE LAW ABOUT VIEWING PIPE-STAVES.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that there shall be at least one person in every County within this province & territories thereof chosen and appointed by the County Court, who shall diligently & faithfully view and search all such pipe-staves as are to be transported & be used to make tight Cask; who shall cast by all such as they shall Judge not Merchantable, both in respect of worm-holes, not above 5 in each staff, and due Assizes to witt, That are not in Length 4 1/2 feet, in breadth three Inches & a half besides the Sapp, In thickness three Quarters of an Inch, and not less than half an Inch thick, sufficient for use, And all other staves to be sold for Refuse, And every such viewer shall at all times upon request, give attendance & shall enter into a book the number of such Merchantable pipe-staves as hee shall approve and for whom, And if any Man shall put on board any Ship or other Vessel any pipestaves other than shall be So Searched & approved, except they should be transported for dry Cask, hee shall forfeit the said whole parcel, or Value thereof. . . And the Viewer shall be allowed two shillings for every thousand of pipestaves which shall be by him Viewed as aforesaid.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. Chapter 84, 1683. See chapter 144, 1699, and Vol. II St.L. 92, ch. LXXVI.

 CHAPTER 48.

[48] THE LAW AGAINST TAKING AWAY BOATS OR CANOWS.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons whatsoever within this province or territories thereof shall at any time after the publication hereof, take or Carry away any Boat, Vessel or Canow, from any persons Landing, without Leave, hee shall be Liable to pay for such his offence, twice the Value of the boat, Vessel or