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 CHAPTER 47.
 

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## [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.

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 CHAPTER 48.
 

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## [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

Canow, And the boat, Vessel or Canow shall remain still intire to the Master or Owner & one half of the fine shall go to the Master or Owner.

H.S.P., Logan Papers, Law Book, 1693-1699/1700. See Vol. II St.L. 10, ch. VIII.

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CHAPTER 49.

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[49] THE LAWS ABOUT FENCES.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Corn Fields shall be fenced, and all Fences shall be at least five feet high And for default thereof such person shall be fined at the discretion of the County-Court.

Be it further enacted that all County-Courts within this Province & Territories shall have power to nominate & appoint such a number of persons to view all partition fences about Improved Lands, as they shall think fitt and qualified for that purpose, who shall from time to time, as there may be Occasion, view them, and be the sole Judges of the sufficiency or Insufficiency thereof, As also of dividing the Charge of partition fences where Neighbours Improve Lands together, And where the fences are insufficient, to give Notice thereof to the Owner of the said fences. And if they, upon Notice given, refuse sufficiently to repair their said fences being defective within tenn days time, that then, upon proof thereof before two Justices of the Peace, It shall be Lawfull for such Justices to order such person or persons who are aggrieved thereby, to repair the said fences, who shall have Recompence for their Labour, to be Levyed on the Goods and Chattels of the person offending by distress and sale.

Chapter 91, 1683, and chapter 184, 1684. See Vol. II. St.L. 70, ch. LVI.