

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper-Canada in North America. York: Titus G. Simons, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1799.

Laws passed in the Second Session of the Second Provincial Parliament, which were reserved for, and received His Majesty's Assent.

39 George III – Chapter 3

An Act to alter the method of performing statute duty on the Highways and Roads within this Province.

The Royal Assent to this Act was promulgated by Proclamation, bearing date January 1, in the year of our Lord 1800, and fortieth of his Majesty's reign.

I. Whereas by an act passed in the thirty-third year of his Majesty's reign, it is enacted, that the highways and roads in, and through every Parish, Township, or reputed Township, shall be cleared, repaired and maintained by the inhabitants thereof; and whereas it is expedient that the proportions of labour to be performed under the said statute should be altered, Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of March next, so much of the aforementioned act as enacts that every person being a householder, or freeholder, shall be obliged to work on the roads for, and during the space of twelve days shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the day aforesaid, every inhabitant housholder included, or inserted in or upon the assessment roll of any Parish, Township, reputed Township or place, shall (in proportion to the estimate of his real and personal property thereon) be taken, rated and held liable to work on the highways and roads in each, and every year, as follows: that is to say, if his property be rated at not more than one hundred pounds, then his proportion of labor on the highways shall not exceed six days; if at more than one hundred pounds and not more than two hundred pounds, eight days; if at more than one hundred pounds and not more than two hundred pounds, ten days; if at more than three hundred pounds, twelve days.