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49 George III – Chapter 3

**An Act to encourage the Destroying of Wolves in this Province. (Passed 5th March, 1809.)**

Whereas the inhabitants of this Province have suffered, and continue to suffer great injury and damage from Wolves, since the discontinuance of the Bounty heretofore granted for the destroying them; Therefore 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, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, '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 passing of this Act, all and every person or persons who shall kill or cause to be killed any Wolf or Wolves, before any one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace, acting within the division where such Town, Township, or Parish, where the said Wolf or Wolves shall have been killed, shall be, and make oath before the said Justice, that the said Wolf or Wolves was or were killed within the said Town, Township or Parish, or within five miles of any inhabited place next adjoining the said Town, Township or Parish, which oath the said Justice is hereby empowered to administer, the said Justice having first destroyed the said scalp or scalps, shall give to such person or persons a certificate of the fact or facts having been proved to his satisfaction, and such certificate being presented to the Treasurer of the District, shall authorise the person or persons obtaining and presenting the same, to ask for, demand and receive of and from the said Treasurer, the sum of Twenty Shillings for the scalp of every Wolf so taken and presented. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend the said reward to any Indian or Indians, who shall kill or cause to be killed any Wolf or Wolves as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when and so often as any person or persons, possessed of any such certificates as aforesaid, shall present the same to the Treasurer of the District wherein such Wolf or Wolves shall have been destroyed, he, the said Treasurer, shall forthwith pay and satisfy the bounty to which such certificate shall entitle the person or persons presenting the same, provided the District fund in his hands do enable him so to do, and if the District fund in his hands do not enable him the said District Treasurer to pay and Satisfy such bounty forthwith, then and in such case, he the said District Treasurer shall pay and satisfy the same out of the monies of the District which shall next thereafter come into his hands.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer of any District to pay and satisfy the bounty to which such certificate shall entitle the person or persons presenting the same, until he shall have paid the other annual expences of the District, arising from the building a Court-house and Gaol, and keeping the same

in repair, the salary of the Clerk of the Peace and Gaoler, the maintenance of the prisoners, and the fees of the Coroners and other officers, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when and as often as the funds of any District will, according to the provisions of this Act, enable the Treasurer of such District to pay and satisfy the bounty to which such certificate shall entitle the person or persons presenting the same, it shall and may be lawful for the Magistrates of such District, in Quarter Sessions assembled, to order that each and every certificate granted as aforesaid for having destroyed a Wolf or Wolves, shall be a lawful tender to the full value and amount therein specified, for and towards the discharge of any District rate or assessment to be collected of or from any person or persons within the District, wherein such Wolf or Wolves shall have been destroyed, and shall, accordingly as such, be accepted and taken as equivalent to so much of the current gold or silver coin of this Province, by the Collector of each and every Township within such District respectively, and as such, shall and may by each and every Collector respectively, be paid and delivered over to the District Treasurer, by whom the same shall in like manner be taken and accepted as a lawful tender, and equivalent to so much of the aforesaid current coin of this Province.