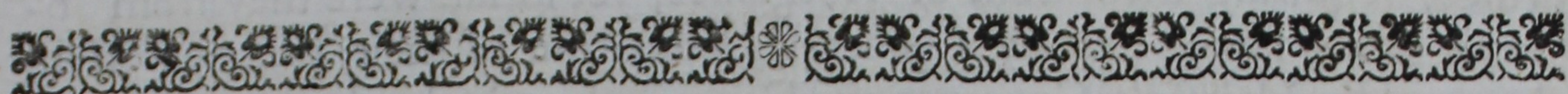


And be it further enacted, That every Coasting Vessel shall pay, in Lieu of the said Duty, at the Rate of *Twenty Shillings* per Annum, and no more, to be received and recovered in manner as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That all Monies arising by the aforesaid Duty shall be paid into the Treasury of the Province, and be applied towards the Support of the said *Light-House*; to be issued for the said Purpose, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, of the Province; and in Case there be more Monies raised than is necessary for the Support of the said *Light-House*, the Surplusage to be applied to the Uses of the Government.



An Act for the Quieting of Possessions to the *Protestant Grantees* of the Lands formerly occupied by the *French* Inhabitants, and for preventing vexatious Actions relating to the same.

‘ *W* H E R E A S this Province of *Nova-Scotia* or *Accadie*, and
 ‘ the Property thereof, did always of Right belong to the Crown
 ‘ of *England*, both by Priority of Discovery and ancient Possession, and
 ‘ that no Grant of Property to any of the Lands or Territories belonging
 ‘ thereto, is of any Validity, or can give the Possessor thereof any legal
 ‘ Right or Title to any Part thereof, unless derived from thence.

‘ And *whereas* by a Treaty of Peace concluded at *Utrecht*, in the Year
 ‘ of our Lord, *One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirteen*, between her
 ‘ most Sacred Majesty *Ann of Glorious Memory*, Queen of *Great-Britain*,
 ‘ &c. And His most Christian Majesty, it was concluded and agreed
 ‘ on, that all *Nova-Scotia*, or *Accadie*, with its ancient Boundaries, and
 ‘ all other Things in those Parts which depend on the said Lands, toge-
 ‘ ther with the Dominion, Property, and Possession of the said Lands
 ‘ and Places, and all Right whatsoever by Treaties or any other Way at-
 ‘ tained, which the most Christian King, the Crown of *France*, or any
 ‘ other the Subjects thereof, had to the Lands and Places, and to the
 ‘ Inhabitants of the same, are yielded and made over to the Queen of
 ‘ *Great-Britain*, and to her Crown for ever.

‘ And *whereas* at the Time of that Cession, many of the *French* King’s
 ‘ Subjects did reside and dwell within this His Majesty’s Province of
 ‘ *Nova-Scotia*, and did not remove from the same, within the Space of
 ‘ *Twelve Months*, according to the Limitation of that Treaty, whereby
 ‘ they and their Posterity became Subjects of the Crown of *Great-Britain*
 ‘ in every Respect; notwithstanding which, contrary to their Allegi-
 ‘ ance, they began from that Time, and continued at all Times to aid, assist,
 ‘ and support and join with His Majesty’s Enemies; and altho’ His Ma-

' jesty, notwithstanding their manifest Treasons and Rebellion, in order
 ' to extend His Indulgence towards them, and if possible to reclaim and
 ' reduce them to His Obedience, was most graciously pleased, by His
 ' Royal Instructions to the Governors of this Province, to declare that
 ' the said *French* Inhabitants should have the peaceable Possession of such
 ' Lands as were under their Cultivation, *Provided*, That they the said In-
 ' habitants should within *Three Months* from such Time as should be
 ' thought proper by the Governor, take the Oath of Allegiance appoin-
 ' ted to be taken by the Laws of *Great-Britain*, and likewise behave
 ' themselves as became good Subjects: And altho' several Proclamati-
 ' ons had hitherto been issued by His Majesty's Governors of this Pro-
 ' vince, requiring their Oath of Allegiance, yet so far were they from o-
 ' beying the same, that by a general Deputation of their principal Men,
 ' before His Majesty's Governor and Council, they absolutely refused to take
 ' the said Oaths so required of them, but on the contrary did still continue
 ' to aid, assist, and join with His Majesty's Enemies, and *Five Hund-*
 ' *red* of them were found in Arms, within the Fort of *Beaufejour* when
 ' the same was surrendered, and many of them, in Company with the
 ' Indian Savages, did frequently commit many horrid and barbarous
 ' Murders on His Majesty's Protestant liege Subjects, who were endea-
 ' vouring to settle themselves on the Lands within this Province, whereby
 ' the Progreſs of the Settlement of this Province, with His Majesty's Prote-
 ' ſtant Subjects was retarded, and the Crown put to an exceſſive great Ex-
 ' pence, to defend and protect them; and also by such their treacherous
 ' Practices, His Majesty's most gracious Designs, as well towards them,
 ' as also towards His said Protestant Subjects, were frustrated; and had
 ' they not been timely removed by the Prudence and Vigilancy of His
 ' Excellency the present Governor, from the said Lands and Territories,
 ' into other His Majesty's Dominions, this invaluable Province, during
 ' the Course of this War, must inevitably have fallen into the Hands
 ' of His Majesty's Enemies the *French*.

' And *whereas* since the Removal of the said *French* Inhabitants, His
 ' Excellency the Governor, in order to make an effectual Settlement in
 ' this Province, and to strengthen the same, has been pleased to make
 ' Grants of Townships to many substantial and industrious Farmers Pro-
 ' testants, His Majesty's Subjects of the Neighbouring Colonies, in which
 ' Townships are contained some of the Lands formerly occupied by the said
 ' *French* Inhabitants; and as many other substantial and industrious Far-
 ' mers, Protestants, are daily applying for Grants of Townships, wherein such
 ' Lands will be comprehended: And as some Doubts have arisen among the
 ' said Persons intending to settle the said Lands, concerning the Title of the
 ' said *French* Inhabitants to any of the said Lands, that may fall within
 ' their Townships: And altho' the said *French* Inhabitants have not,
 ' nor ever had, any legal Right or Title to the said Lands, derived from
 ' the Crown of *Great-Britain*, yet in order to remove such Doubts,
 ' and to prevent any troublesome or vexatious Suits of Law that may

hereafter

hereafter be brought for the Maintenance of any such Right or pretended Right to any of the Lands within this Province, formerly possessed or occupied by the said *French* Inhabitants;

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That no Action shall be retained in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, for the Recovery of any of the Lands, within the same, by Virtue of any former Right, Title, Claim, Interest, or Possession, of any of the former *French* Inhabitants, or by Virtue of any Right, Title, Claim, or Interest, holden under or derived from them, by Grant, Deed, Will, or in any other manner whatsoever.

And be it further enacted, That when any Action shall be brought for the Recovery of any Lands within this Province, and it shall appear upon Evidence, that the Grounds of such Action is founded upon any such Right, Title or Possession of the said *French* Inhabitants, or derived from them as aforesaid, that then this Act may be pleaded in Bar to all such Actions: And all His Majesty's Judges and Justices of the said Courts, are hereby required and enjoined, upon such Plea and Proof thereof, to dismiss such Action, and award Costs for the Defendants.



An Act for the Relief of the *Poor* in the Town of *Halifax*.

HEREAS there are, or hereafter may be, Persons residing within the Town of *Halifax*, who, notwithstanding their honest Endeavours for obtaining a Livelyhood, may by the Providence of God, thro' Sickness or otherwise, be rendered incapable of supporting themselves or Families, *Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted,* That a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, be paid out of the public Treasury of this Province, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of his Excellency the Governor, into the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Halifax* for the Time being; to be by them applied within *One Year* from the Receipt thereof, towards the Relief and Assistance of such Persons as shall appear to them, upon strict Inquiry and Examination, to be proper Objects of such Charity.

And it is further enacted, That the said Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized to open Subscriptions, and collect and distribute such