

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday the first day of July, 1761, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several prorogations until Wednesday the 17th day of March, 1762, in the second year of His Majesty's Reign.

2 George III – [Chapter 4]

An Act to prevent the Firing of Squibs, Rockets, Serpents or other Fireworks.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, that it shall not be lawful for any persons to make, or cause to be made, or sell, or expose to sale any squibs, rockets, serpents, or other fireworks, or any cases, moulds, or other implements for the making the same, or for any persons to permit any squibs or other fireworks to be thrown or fired from their houses, lodgings, or habitations, or place thereto belonging or adjoining, into any public street, road, passage or water, or for any person to throw, or fire, or be assisting in throwing, or firing of any squibs, or other fireworks into any public street, house, shop, highway, road, passage or water; and that every such offence shall be judged a common nuisance.

Be it further enacted, that if any persons shall make, or cause to be made, or shall give, sell, or utter any squibs, rockets, serpents or other fireworks, or any moulds or instruments for the making of any such squibs, rockets or serpents or other fireworks, every person so offending and being thereof convicted before one of His Majesty's justices of the peace of the place where such offence shall be committed, by confession of the party, or the oath of one credible witness shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings; and if any person shall throw, or fire, or be aiding and assisting in throwing or firing of any squibs, rockets, serpents, or other fireworks, into any public street, house, shop, highway, passage, or water, every person so offending, and being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings, and if any persons shall permit any squibs, or other fireworks, to be thrown or fired from their houses, shops, lodgings, or habitations, or in any place thereto belonging, or adjoining to any public street, road or passage, or any other place, every such person so offending and being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings. The said several forfeitures to be levied by distress and sale of the goods of every such offender, by warrant of the justice, before whom the conviction shall be made, the one half of the forfeiture to be to the use of the poor where the offence shall be committed, and the other half to the use of them, who shall prosecute and cause such offenders to be convicted; and if said persons so offending shall not immediately upon their being convicted, pay to the justice before whom such conviction shall be made, the said forfeiture for the uses aforesaid, such justice is hereby required and empowered, by warrant to commit such person to the house of correction, or goal for any time not exceeding fourteen days, unless such offender shall sooner pay such forfeiture to the said justice.

Provided, that this act shall not extend to debar the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this province, or the commanding officers of His Majesty's troops, or

any persons employed under them or either of them, from making and firing off any such fireworks as aforesaid.

Be it also enacted, that no person whatsoever shall presume to make, or cause to be made any bonfires within three hundred yards of any buildings, stacks of hay, or corn, under the penalty of forty shillings to be recovered and applied in the manner as mentioned in this act.