

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the Twenty Eighth Day of May, 1765, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations until the seventeenth day of October, 1767, in the seventh year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Fifth Session of the Fourth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

7 George III – Chapter 1 (Session 2)

An Act in further Addition to an Act made in the Thirty Second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the Establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing of Popery."

Whereas by an Act made in the thirty third year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled An Act in Addition to an Act intituled "An Act for the Establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, and for Suppressing of Popery," no provision is made for authorising the assessment of the inhabitants of St. Paul's in the town of Halifax, for the payment of such sums as may be voted by the parishioners for any extraordinary repairs to the church of St. Paul's in the town of Halifax, or for the use and ornament thereof, or for the salaries of an organist, a parish clerk and sexton, or for an allowance to the clerk of the vestry, be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that the church wardens, vestry, and parishioners of the parish of St. Paul's, shall meet quarterly, that is to say, on the first Mondays in December, March, June, and September, yearly and when so met may, by a vote of the majority (a) of such parishioners then present, as pay scot and lot (a) by being assessed for paying any contributions for and towards the support of the Church of England, allot and order such sums of money as they may judge necessary (b) for and on account of repairs, and for the usual goods, stock, furniture, ornaments, and bells of the church, and for arrears of salary and other allowances to the organist, clerk and sexton of the same, and to the clerk of the vestry, and for all other necessary future Church repairs, goods, and ornaments, as other rates are directed to be levied, collected and received, by the afore recited Act or Acts; and likewise for half yearly assessments and payments of the future growing salaries to the organist, parish clerk and sexton, and clerk of the vestry; which vote or votes shall be binding on all the parishioners belonging to the said parish church of St. Paul's, and others dwelling in the said parish, not exempted by law from paying towards the support of the church of England (c.); and shall be assessed by the church wardens and vestry in just and equal proportions on every parishioner, according to their several abilities, and shall be collected, levied; and received, by the church wardens as prescribed by the said Act.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, that the said assessors shall not tax themselves (d), but they shall be assessed by at least three of the other parishioners, who shall be named for that purpose by the parish at their meeting for voting the sums to be assessed.

III. Provided also, that if any person shall think himself over rated or otherwise aggrieved, he may appeal for redress in manner prescribed by the afore recited Act, in case the said

rate shall exceed the sum of five shillings, or if any sum be unduly levied upon the said parishioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, that when, and so often, as any other church or churches shall be erected within the said town of Halifax, or any other town or towns of the Province, and that church wardens and vestries shall be appointed in the same, that this Act and the said former Acts, and every clause, direction, authority, and power, in the same contained, shall extend and be in force for all such church or churches, as may so hereafter be erected and established, in the same manner as if the said church or churches had been expressly named in this and the said Acts as aforesaid.