

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 twenty second day of October, 1768, in the eighth year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Seventh Session of the Fourth General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.

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An Act in further addition to and amendment of an Act, made in the third year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor."

Whereas by an amendment made in the last session of the General Assembly, to an Act, entitled "An Act to enable the inhabitants of the several Townships in this province to maintain their poor," the freeholders are directed to meet on the last Tuesday in October annually, to make provision for the relief of the poor; and whereas it is found inconvenient to have the meeting on that day, be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, council, and assembly, that the said meeting of the freeholders for the purposes aforesaid, shall be on the last Tuesday of November annually.

II. And be it further enacted, that the overseers of the poor, for the time being, shall issue their precept to the constables of the several townships within this province, requiring them to notify the inhabitants to meet on the day appointed by this Act, and make provision for the support of the poor, agreeable to the directions of the Act to enable the inhabitants of the several townships to maintain their poor; and if such overseers shall neglect to issue their precept as aforesaid, each of the said overseers shall forfeit and pay to the treasurer of the province, for the use of the poor, the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any of His Majesty's courts of record in this province.

III. And whereas in and by the afore-recited act, it is enacted, "That if any of the assessors or collectors chosen and appointed, shall refuse to serve in their respective offices, each person so refusing shall forfeit and pay to the overseers of the poor of said township, the sum of forty shillings;" but no provision is made for recovering the said forfeiture, be it enacted, that all such forfeitures shall and may be recovered by complaint, or information, before any two of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the county wherein the same shall arise, and be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels.