

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.

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An Act in further Addition to, and in amendment of An Act made in the Thirty Second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for preventing Trespasses.

Whereas many farms in this Province, are bounded by rivers that are fordable at low water; And whereas it would be impracticable to make any fence that would stand the force of the tides in such rivers: And whereas great damage has been done to such lands by cattle running at large, and the persons to whom such cattle belongs could not, by law, be prosecuted for a trespass, as such rivers are not deemed a sufficient fence, be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that to all farms which are bounded on rivers where the tide flows eight feet and upwards, at common tides, such river so far up shall be deemed a sufficient and lawful fence.

II. And whereas the penalties inflicted by an Act intituled An Act for preventing Trespasses, upon persons refusing to serve in the office of Overseers of the Poor, are insufficient for the end and design of the said Act, be it enacted, that when and as often as any person nominated as by the said Act is directed, shall refuse to serve the said office, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds.

III. And whereas the sums arising from the penalties for not forcing the said Office of Overseer of the Poor, are not appropriated. Be it enacted, that all such sums of money, as by virtue of the said penalties have been received, and now remain with the clerk of the Supreme Court, and all such sums of money which may hereafter be received on account of the said penalties, shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor, for and towards the relief and support of the poor of the several towns for which they shall be respectively appointed.