

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28th day of May 1765, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations until the tenth day of October 1769, in the Ninth Year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Eighth Session of the Fourth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

9 George III – Chapter 4

An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries.

Whereas it hath been represented that the establishment of ferries in many parts of this Province, would be of great utility and render the communication to several places more easy and expeditions, be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this Act, His Majesty's Justices in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace for each county, shall be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to establish such ferries over rivers, bays or creeks, within their respective counties, as may be by them thought necessary; and to agree with and grant licenses to such persons as they shall judge meet as ferrymen, under such rules and regulations as they, from time to time, shall judge most for the good of the public: And any person or persons who shall agree and accept of the office or place of ferryman, and after such agreement and acceptance, shall refuse or neglect to comply with and observe the several articles and clauses contained in said rules and regulations, made as aforesaid, shall be fined by the Justices in their Sessions, in any sum not exceeding forty shillings for every offence.

II. And be it further enacted, that when any ferry shall be established over any river, bay or creek as aforesaid, and any person or persons appointed and licensed to attend the same as aforesaid, that no person or persons whatsoever shall carry or ferry over such river, bay or creek, either man or beast, unless by desire or consent of the ferrymen appointed and licensed as aforesaid, except the same be done gratis.

III. Provided nevertheless, that if any ferrymen, appointed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to give due attendance, pursuant to the regulations made for that purpose, in every such case any other person or persons may supply the place of such ferryman, till another be appointed and licensed as aforesaid, and receive payment for the same, in the same manner as the proper ferryman might do if present.

IV. And be it also enacted, that this Act shall continue and remain in force, for and during the term of four years, from and after the publication thereof, and until the end of the session of the General Assembly then next following.