

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 5

**An Act to prevent, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease, from this Province.**

Whereas the exportation of wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal, and pease, from this Province, has been the occasion of great scarcity, and has proved of great detriment to His Majesty's subjects within the same, be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this Act, until the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy, before any wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal, or pease, shall be laden or put on board any ship, vessel, or boat, the master of such ship, vessel, or boat, shall give bond with one surety, to the naval officer of the district, in double the value of such wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease, intended to be shipped, with condition that the same shall be carried to some other port or place within the Province, (the dangers of the seas excepted) and to produce a certificate of the due landing thereof, within six months, under the hand and seal of the naval officer of the district where the same shall be unladen or put on shore.

II. Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to debar any person carrying wheat, or other grain, in any boat passing the rivers from one town to another, or to or from mill, or for the necessary provision of the vessels crew.

III. And be it enacted, that if any wheat, rye, barley flour, meal, or pease, (the produce, of this Province) shall be laden on board any ship, vessel, or boat, before such bond is given, the same shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who are hereby impowered to seize the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, that for the bond herein directed to be taken, and certificate thereof, a fee of one shilling shall be paid; and for a certificate of the landing of the articles herein specified, a fee of one shilling shall be paid, and no more.

V. And be it also enacted, that the forfeitures incurred by this Act, shall be recovered, on the oath of one credible witness, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province; and after deducting the expences of prosecution, be divided one moiety to His Majesty, for the use of the government of this Province, and the other moiety to him or them who shall inform, seize or sue for the same.

VI. And be it also further enacted, that where no naval officer shall be resident, the bond herein directed to be taken, and certificates to be given of the same, and of the landing

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thereof, shall be by one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the town or place where the said wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal, or pease, shall be loaded or landed.