

which have been heretofore registered by the Deputy Registers, or shall hereafter be registered by Virtue of this Act. And if any Deputy Register shall fail to transmit such Extracts to the Register's Office at **Halifax**, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for the Use and Service of the Government of this Province, the Sum of **five Pounds**, to be recovered on Complaint of the Register of the Province, before any Court of Record within the same, and such Deputy so failing, shall moreover be liable to an Action at Law for all Damages sustained by the Party aggrieved.

Deputy Register failing shall forfeit £. 5. and liable to an Action by party aggrieved.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That all Deeds heretofore registered by the Deputy Registers in the several Towns and Counties in this Province, whereof Certificates of the Registry have been duly returned to the Register's Office at **Halifax** and enter'd there, or which shall on or before the first Day of **November** next be returned and enter'd there as aforesaid, shall be deemed good and valid, as tho' the same had been duly at first enter'd in the Registry at **Halifax** aforesaid. **Provided**, That nothing herein shall extend to affect any Attachment heretofore made, or Judgment which may have been recovered on any Lands or Hereditaments, a Certificate of the Registry whereof has not already been returned as aforesaid.

All deeds heretofore registered by the Deputies, and Certificates returned, or which shall be returned before 1st Nov. next, good and valid.

C A P. VI.

An Act in further Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act made in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*"

3d. Geo. 3d. c. 7.
2d Session.
7. Geo. 3. c. 3.
8. Geo. 3. c. 5.
c. 1.
2d Session.
10. Geo. 3d. c. 2.

WHEREAS the appointing twelve Assessors for assessing the Sums voted for the Support of the Poor, is found inconvenient, at **Halifax**, as well as in the several other Townships in this Province :

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Inhabitants in each and every Town or Township in this Province, shall at their Meeting for raising Money for the Support of the Poor, choose Five Freeholders of the said Town or Township, any three of whom to be a Quorum, (and who being first duly sworn) are hereby empowered to assess the Inhabitants of such Township their Proportions of the Sum voted for the Support of the Poor, as near as may be according to their Abilities, and in case the said Assessors shall neglect or refuse

5 Freeholders to be chosen, any 3 of whom to be a Quorum to make assessment,

Assessors refusing or neglecting to meet and make Assessment, subject to a Fine of £. 5 and another to be appointed.

to meet and make the said Assessment within Twenty Days after their Appointment, each and every Person so refusing or neglecting, shall be subject to a Fine of Five Pounds, for the Use of the Poor of such Township, which shall, on Failure of Payment, be levied on Complaint of the Overseers of the Poor before two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the offender's Goods and Chattels, and another shall be appointed in his stead.

No Person obliged to serve but once in 3 Years.

II. **Provided always**, That no Person shall be obliged to serve as an Assessor oftner than once in Three Years.

No Person to be assessed unless able to pay 1s. at least.

III. **And be it further Enacted**, That no Person shall be assessed any thing towards the Support of the Poor, unless in the Opinion of the Assessors he shall be able to pay the Sum of One Shilling at least, annually.

Overseers at Halifax to warn Inhabitants to meet on 15 July 1772,

and Vote Money for support of Poor.

IV. And whereas no Monies have been raised for the Support of the Poor of the Township of **Halifax**, for this present Year; **Be it Enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for the Overseers of the Poor of the said Township of **Halifax**, to warn the Inhabitants of said Township, to meet on the Fifteenth Day of *July*, of this present Year, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Seventy Two, giving them six Days Notice, and the Inhabitants so met are hereby impowered to Vote such a Sum of Money as they shall judge necessary, for the Support and Maintenance of their Poor for the current Year, to be assessed, levied, and raised, as by the Laws of this Province is directed.

Contributions already paid towards relief of Poor to be deducted.

V. And whereas several of the Inhabitants of the Township of **Halifax**, have already voluntarily contributed and paid towards the Support of their Poor for the present Year; **Be it Enacted**, That the Collectors appointed to collect the Sum to be Voted as aforesaid, shall deduct from such Persons the respective Sums by them so contributed and paid, out of the Sum they shall be assessed by Virtue of this Act.

Former Assessments confirmed.

VI. **And be it further Enacted**, That all former Assessments heretofore made, for the Maintenance of the Poor, shall be and they are hereby confirmed, and the Arrears due thereon shall and may be collected and levied by the Collectors for the Time being, any Want of Form or Length of Time since the said Assessments have been made, notwithstanding.