

C A P. III.

An ACT for taking, examining, and stating the public Accounts of this Province.

All Accounts of the Receipts of Monies arising from any Duty, &c.

and the Accounts of the issuing of all Money which shall come into the Treasury to be laid before the *General-Assembly* for Examination, &c. and such Approbation & Allowances

to be a Discharge and Bar against any Action.

Proviso.

Persons having Demands against Government before 1st June, 1776, or hereafter have any any Demands, to bring in the same before the next Session of the *General Assembly*, or



Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Accounts of the Receipt of any Monies arising from any Duty or Taxes granted and raised, and that hereafter shall be granted and raised by the *General-Assembly*, for and towards the Support of Government or otherwise, and the Accounts of the issuing and Disposal of all such Monies as have, or shall come into the Treasury by any Ways or Means whatsoever shall be laid before the *General-Assembly* at the several Sessions held from Time to Time, for their Examination, Approbation and Allowance, in such Manner as to the *General-Assembly* shall be judged proper; and all such Approbations and Allowances of the *General-Assembly* heretofore, or that hereafter shall be passed, shall be to the several Collectors or Receivers of the Duties, Treasurers, and other Persons concerned, a full and final Discharge, and be a Bar against any Action, which may be brought for any Sum or Sums of Money against any of the Persons aforesaid.

II. *Provided;* That all Monies arising by the Operations of any Revenue Act or Acts of this Province, shall be accounted for unto his Majesty in the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or High Treasurer for the Time being, and audited by the Auditor General of his Majesty's Plantations or his Deputy.

III. *And whereas great Inconveniencies have arisen by Persons having Demands or pretend to have demand on this Government, and who do not bring in their Accounts for along Time after the same became due, or was said to become due, and that thro' Length of Time, or the Death or Absence of Persons, the Possibility of detecting Frauds is prevented, by Means of which the Province has been, and may be greatly injured, For Remedy whereof;*

Be it Enacted, That all Persons having Claims or Demands against this Government, either for Work done, Goods supplied, or Services of any Kind, which may have become due, or owing to them before the First Day of *June* Instant, or who may hereafter have any Demands as aforesaid, shall bring in the same before the next Session of the *General-Assembly* or within the First Week of the said Session, to be examined and audited

dited by a Committee of Council, and of the *House of Assembly*, and in like Manner all Accounts of such De Lands, shall from Time to Time be brought in either before, or within the first Week of each Session of the *General-Assembly* thereafter.

with in first Week of said Session to be examined, &c. by a Committee of Council & House of Assembly. and so from Time to Time. No Accounts to be admitted or paid by the Treasurer if not brought in within the Times limited by this Act.

IV. *And be it also Enacted*, That no such Accounts shall be admitted, or paid by the Treasurer of the Province, where the same shall not have been brought in, within the Times limited by this Act.

C A P. IV.

An ACT for altering the Times appointed for holding the *Supreme Court*.

HEREAS the Times appointed for holding the *Supreme Court*, by an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the eight Year or his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for establishing the Times of holding the *Supreme Court*, are found to be inconvenient;

Preamble.

I. *Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That the said *Supreme Court* shall be held at *Halifax*, on the last Tuesday of the Month of *January*, the first Tuesday of the Month of *April*, the second Tuesday of the Month of *July*, and the second Tuesday of the Month of *October*, at *Horton*, in *King's County* on the second Tuesday of the Month of *May*, and fourth Tuesday of *September*, at *Annapolis* in the County of *Annapolis*, on the third Tuesday of the Month of *May*, and the third Tuesday of the Month of *September*, at *Cumberland* in the County of *Cumberland*, on the first Tuesday of the Month of *June*, and the first Tuesday of the Month of *September*.

Times for holding the *Supreme Court* in *Halifax*, *King's County*, *Annapolis Royal*, and *Cumberland*.

II. *And be it Enacted*, That all Writts and other Procefs already issued returnable to the said Court, shall be returned, and all Matters depending at the said Court, in either of the said Counties shall be proceeded on, at the Days respectively appointed by this Act for holding the same, and all Officers and other Persons concerned are required to confirm themselves accordingly.

All Writts, &c. to be returned, and all matters depending at said Court, to be proceeded on at the Days appointed by this Act.