

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Fifth Day of June, 1771, in the Eleventh Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

11 George III – Chapter 6

An Act for the more effectually Securing the Title of Purchasers against Claims for Dower.

Whereas some doubts have arising concerning the conveyance of dower by the wife of her husband's life time in the manner and form now in practice, in order therefore to prevent any difficulty that may hereafter arise touching the same.

- I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that where a sale shall be made of lands or tenements by the husband and his wife, before such deed shall be valid and sufficient to bar the wife from the recovery of her dower after the decease of her husband, she shall be examined by one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, whether she hath done the same freely, voluntarily and without compulsion from her husband, and if before such Justice she shall declare, that she hath freely and voluntarily signed such deed, and therein assigned her right of dower, the Justice shall accordingly certify such acknowledgements on the deed, which shall for ever bar her from the recovery of her right of dower to such lands so conveyed.
- II. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall in any ways affect any deed or conveyance of land heretofore made.