

*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 Ninth day of June, 1772, in the Twelfth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Third Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act in further Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the thirty second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions.**

Whereas the great extent of this Province and the difficulties attending the bringing deeds and conveyances from the several distant counties and towns within the same, to Halifax, to be registered, made it expedient and necessary for the registers of deeds to appoint deputies in such counties and towns, and whereas it will greatly contribute to the ease and convenience of the inhabitants that such deputations be continued.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the register of this Province, to appoint one or more deputies in the several counties within the same, such person being approved by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief; and all registers and proceedings thereon, relating to the conveying of any lands, tenements or hereditaments within the limits of such deputations, shall be, and they are hereby declared authentick and valid, and if any original deed which may hereafter be registered by the deputy registers, shall be lost, and proof thereof in court being made, that then the registry or record of such deed or deeds shall be allowed to be good evidence in any court of law or equity within this Province.

II. And be it also enacted, that where deputy registers shall be appointed, all deeds or conveyances shall be registered in the office of the county or district within which, such lands do lie.

III. Provided always, and be it also enacted, that an exact and certificate of all deeds and conveyances, touching any lands or hereditaments, which shall be registered or recorded by such deputies as aforesaid within the peninsula of Nova Scotia, shall once in three months be transmitted to the register's office at Halifax, and of all deeds and conveyances, touching any lands or hereditaments, lying to the northward of the said peninsula, within six months after the registry of such deeds and conveyances, and the register of deeds at Halifax, shall note the time of his receiving the certificate, and duely enter the same in the registry at Halifax, which shall be as effectual as if the original deed had been by him first registered, as well for those 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.

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.