

*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 Twentieth day of April, 1773, in the Thirteenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Fifth General-Assembly convened in the said Province.*

13 George III – Chapter 5 (Session 1)

**An Act to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation or Shipping of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease, from any of the ports or places in this Province, within the Bay of Fundy.**

Whereas great inconvenience and detriment arises from the shipping of grain, before the season proper for threshing out the same, and to prevent a scarcity thereof.

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, council and assembly, that no wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease, the produce of this province, shall be shipped from any of the ports or places in the Bay of Fundy, from and after the first day of September next, until after the first day of April, in the year of one thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

II. And be it enacted, that if the master of any ship, vessel or boat shall presume to receive on board the same, any wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal, or pease, contrary to the meaning and intent of this act, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds, and all such wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal, or pease, so laden, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any of his Majesty's justices of the peace, who are hereby impowered to seize the same.

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 vessel's crew.

Provided, also that any person aggrieved by the restrictions prescribed by this act, may apply to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or commander in chief, and his Majesty's council who are hereby authorized and impowered to grant such relief therein as shall appear to them to be requisite and necessary.

III. And be it 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 expenses 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.