

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 Sixth Day of October, 1774, in the Fourteenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

14 George III – Chapter 14

An Act to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal and Pease from this Province.

Whereas the exportation of wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal and pease from this province, being the produce thereof, has been the occasion of great scarcity, and has proved of great detriment to his Majesty's subjects within the same.

- I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, council and assembly, that from and after the publication of this act until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, before any wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease, shall be laden or put on board any ship, vessel, or boat, the master of such ship vessel or boat, shall give bond with one surety, to the naval officer of the district in double the value of such wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease, intended to be shipped, with condition, that the same shall be carried to some other port or place within this province, (the dangers of the seas excepted) and to produce a certificate of the due landing thereof, within six months, under the hand and seal of the naval officer of the district where the same shall be unladen or put on shore.
- II. 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.
- III. And be it enacted, that if any wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease, (the produce of this province) shall be laden on board any ship, vessel or boat, before such bond is given the same shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any of his Majesty's justices of the peace, who are hereby empowered to seize the same.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that for the bond herein directed to be taken, and certificate thereof, a fee of one shilling shall be paid, and for a certificate of the landing of the articles herein specified, a fee of one shilling shall be paid and no more.
- V. And be it also enacted, that the forfeitures incurr'd 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.

VI. And be it also further enacted, that where no naval officer shall be resident, the bond herein directed to be taken, and certificates to be given of the same, and of the landing thereof, shall be by one of his Majesty's justices of the peace of the town or place, where the said wheat, rye, barley, flour, meal or pease shall be loaded or landed.

VII. 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 empowered to grant such relief therein, as shall appear to them to be requisite and necessary.