

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 Fifteenth day of June, Anno Domini 1776, in the Sixteenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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

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 by 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 inconveniences 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 by a committee of council, and of the House of Assembly, and in like manner all accounts of such demands, shall from time to time be brought in either before, or within the first week of each session of the General-Assembly thereafter.

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.