

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 June, Anno Domini 1777, in the Seventeenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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An Act in further Addition to an Act, made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor."

Whereas in the third section of an act made in the General Assembly of this province in the tenth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled an Act in further Amendment of, and Addition to an Act made in the third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor. It is enacted, "that the overseers of the poor shall for the future account on oath if required, before the General Sessions of the Peace held next after the expiration of their office, for all monies raised, and disbursed by them for the support of their poor."

But no penalty is affixed to be paid by such overseers as do not account as aforesaid.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that all such overseers of the poor, as have not already accounted before the General or Special Sessions of the Peace, and do not within three months from the publication of this Act account as aforesaid, and all such overseers as do not for the future within one month after the expiration of their office, render an account to the clerk of the peace of the county, in which they reside, to be by him laid before the Justices at their next sessions, of all monies raised and disbursed by them for the support of the poor, shall on complaint of the clerk of the peace, or of one or more inhabitant, forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds each, to be levied, on nonpayment thereof by warrant under the hands and seals of two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the use of the poor of the township for which such overseers of the poor were appointed.