

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, 1783, in the Twenty Third Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

23 George III – Chapter 10

An Act for Establishing and Regulating Ferries.

Whereas the establishment of ferries in many parts of this province, is of great utility, and renders the communication to several places more easy and expeditious.

I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, that from and after the Publication of this act, his Majesty's justices in their General or special sessions of the peace for each county, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, and empowered, to establish such ferries over rivers, bays or creeks within their respective counties as may be by them tho't necessary, and to agree with, and grant licenses to such persons as they shall judge meet as ferryman, under such rules and regulations, as they from time to time shall judge most for the good of the public. And any person or persons, who shall agree and accept of the office or place of ferryman, and after such agreement and acceptance shall refuse or neglect to comply with, and observe the several articles and clauses contained in said rules and regulations made as aforesaid, shall be fined by the justices in their sessions, in any sum not exceeding forty shillings.

II. And be it also enacted, that when any ferry shall be established, over any river, bay or creek as aforesaid, and any person or persons appointed and licensed to attend the same as aforesaid, if any person or persons whatsoever shall carry or ferry over such river, bay or creek; either manor beast, for hire, unless by desire or consent of the ferry man, or on his neglect or refusal to give due attendance, such person shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty shillings, to be recovered on complaint before any two of his Majesty's justices of the peace, and be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels.

III. Provided nevertheless, that if any Ferrymen appointed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to give attendance, pursuant to the regulations made for that purpose, in every such case, any other person or persons may supply the place of such ferryman, until an other be appointed and licensed as aforesaid, and receive payment for the same in the same manner as the proper ferryman might do if present.