

*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 16

**An Act for Establishing the Standard Weight of Grain and for Appointing proper Officers for Measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and ascertaining the Standard Size of Bricks.**

Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, and the same is hereby enacted, that from and after the publication hereof, the justices of the peace in their several sessions shall appoint two fit persons in each township in this province for the purpose of measuring all grain, salt, and coals, and inspecting all bricks, that may be offered for sale, and that all grain exposed to sale, shall not be deemed merchantable, unless it be of the following standard weight, to say

Wheat shall weight per bushel	60 Pounds	} Avoir du Poise
Rye Ditto	58	
Indian Corn Ditto	58	
Barley Ditto	50	
Oats Ditto	56	
Pease Ditto	60	

and that all such grain as may be exported or ship't coastways, shall be first inspected and measured by the sworn inspectors of such town or port, where the same shall be ship't, and if the person or persons shipping or exporting the same, shall neglect to have it so inspected that for every such offence, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information in any court of record within this province, and the same to be applied for the use of the roads within the county, where such offence shall be committed, and that the inspectors shall be allowed and paid by the seller, at and after the inspectors shall be committed, and that the inspectors shall be allowed and paid by the seller, and at after the rates hereafter mentioned for his attention and trouble therein, and that all grain, coals, salt and brick imported into this province, shall be subject to the aforesaid regulations. For measuring of all grain (oats excepted) two shillings per hundred bushels, and for oats one shilling per hundred bushels.

II. And be it enacted, that all bricks made in this province for sale, shall be eight inches in length, four inches in width, and two inches thick, and shall be sold at the rate of six score to the hundred.

III. And be it further enacted, that all salt and coals exposed to sale in any part of this province shall be measured, and all bricks shall be inspected by the officers appointed for that purpose, and that they shall be allowed and paid by the seller, for every chaldron of coals at the rate of one shilling per chaldron, and for every hogshead of salt at the rate of two pence per hogshead, and for inspecting bricks at the rate of two pence per thousand, and that the officers so appointed, shall be respectively sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and that upon refusal to accept of said offices or being guilty of any neglect or misbehaviour in the execution of the duties thereof, they shall forfeit and pay for the use of the poor, in the town wherein they reside, a sum, not exceeding three pounds, to be recovered upon proof thereof, before any two of his Majesty's justices of the peace.

IV. And be it enacted, that this act shall continue and be in force for one year, and until the end of the session of the general assembly then next following.