

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 3

An Act for granting the King's Most Gracious Free Pardon to all his Subjects in this Province, for all Treasons, Misprison of Treasons, or treasonable Correspondence committed or done by them or any of them in adhering to, aiding or assisting, countenancing or abetting his Majesty's late Subjects in the Thirteen Colonies during their Rebellion.

Whereas some few inhabitants subjects of this Province, misled by a false zeal, have during the late unhappy war in America, joined with, aided and assisted, his Majesty's late subjects the inhabitants of the thirteen colonies during their rebellion, and some few others again have corresponded with such inhabitants, whereby their lives and properties have become liable, on prosecution for such their treasons, to be forfeited to his Majesty.

And whereas the said war is now at an end, and it is expedient for the public welfare of this Province, that all remembrance of the causes thereof, should as speedily as possible be buried in oblivion, and in full hopes, that all his Majesty's subjects of this province, who have made themselves liable to the pains and penalties aforesaid, may by this act of grace be induced in future, more carefully to observe the laws, and to live in dutiful and loyal obedience to his Majesty.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that all and every his Majesty's subjects of this province, and their heirs, and every of them, are hereby acquitted, pardoned, released and discharged, against the King's Majesty, and his successors of all manner of treasons, misprison of treasons, treasonable and seditious words, libels or correspondence by them or any of them, committed or done, in aiding, countenancing or assisting his Majesty's late subjects in the thirteen colonies, during their rebellion, and from all pains, penalties, forfeitures, pains of death, and pains corporeal, which may have been incurred or forfeited by them or any of them (before the passing this present act) by reason or means of the said premisses.

II. And be it further enacted, that all prosecutions now carrying on against any person or persons, coming under the aforesaid description; whether civil or criminal, shall cease, and be at an end, and that no other suits or prosecutions shall in future be commenced or prosecuted for any matter or thing comprehended in this act.