

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 first day of November 1784, in the Twenty Fifth¹ Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

25 George III – Chapter 6

An Act to prevent the Destroying of Buoys, Beacons or Sea Marks, which shall be set or placed by Authority, in any Harbour, River, Creek, or Bay, within this Province.

Whereas the destroying of buoys, beacons and sea-marks set or placed by authority in any harbour, river, creek, or bay, for the safe navigation of ships and vessels may prove of dangerous consequence to the lives and properties of persons navigating therein.

I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that any person or persons who shall take away, cut down or destroy, or aid or assist in taking, cutting down, or destroying in any manner whatever, such buoys, beacons or seamarks which are placed, or shall be placed or set out by order of direction of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the province or any other person, having authority so to do in any harbour, creek or bay, within the said province, such person or persons, shall on due conviction thereof, by the oath of one credible witness, before two justices of the peace, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds. And on failure of payment thereof, or of goods or chattles, belonging to the offender whereon to levy the same, such offender shall be committed by such justices to the goal of the county or place, where the offence shall have been committed for the space of twelve months.

II. And be it also enacted, that if any person or persons shall make fast to any such buoy or sea mark, any ship, vessel or boat, shall on due conviction thereof as aforesaid, pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds, and on failure of payment thereof, or of goods or chattles belonging to the offender whereon to levy the same, such offender shall be committed by such justices to the goal of the county or place where the offence shall have been committed; for a space not exceeding six months.

¹ While the original version of the acts of 1784 state that the regnal year is 23 Geo III, the acts compiled by Uniacke in 1805 have changed this to the correct regnal year, 25 Geo III. As the 1805 Uniacke compilation is treated as the legal standard for Nova Scotia Legislative history, we are using the corrected Uniacke version of the regnal year.