

*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 Fifth<sup>1</sup> Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

25 George III – Chapter 9

**An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for continuing the several Laws relating to the Duties on licensed Houses, and for the Appropriation of the Monies raised thereby.**

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the 31st day of December, 1784, the clerks or receivers of the licence duties in each county within this province, shall return a just account every half year to the justices of the general session of each county or district, except the town or district of Halifax, of the monies so by him or them collected, and shall pay the same half yearly into the hands of the county treasurer; and in case such receiver or receivers shall neglect or refuse to render such accounts and pay in such monies as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit for each & every offence the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered by the judgment of such sessions, and applied to the purpose of repairing roads within such county, and the said justices by and with the advice of the grand jury for such county are hereby empowered to lay out, and expend such monies for repairs of roads and bridges within their respective counties and districts, and to account with, and receive from the said clerks or receivers all monies now remaining due for licences heretofore obtained, which have not been paid into the treasury of this province, and in case such receiver or receivers shall neglect or refuse to render such accounts and pay such monies, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds for each and every refusal or neglect, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, that the receiver of the licence duties within the town and district of Halifax, shall account with the treasury of the province half yearly, and shall pay into the treasury all such monies as he shall receive, which monies shall be applied to and for the purpose of making and repairing roads within ten miles of said town of Halifax, the same to be laid out and expended under the direction of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and that this act, and also an act passed in the eighth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for Suppressing unlicensed Houses and for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed," except such part thereof as is hereby before altered and amended, shall be and remain in full force to the thirty first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

III. And be it further enacted, that the treasurer of each and every county or district within this province, shall render an account of the monies received within such county or district, and in the manner in which the same has been applied to the treasurer of this province, every twelve months, under the penalty of twenty pounds, and the person or persons who the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief shall from time to time intrust with the expenditure of said money on the roads within ten of miles of Halifax, shall account every six months for the same with the treasurer of this province, under the penalty of twenty pounds, and in case the receiver of the licence duties for the district of Halifax, shall neglect to account as aforesaid, and pay in the monies by him received, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds for every offence, such penalties to be recovered before his Majesty's supreme court at Halifax, and to be applied to the repairs of the roads within ten miles of the said town.