

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the First Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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An Act in Addition to an amendment of an Act for establishing and regulating Ferries.

Whereas the settlement of lands at Dartmouth, Preston, and other places on the eastern side of the harbour of Halifax, promises to be of great public utility, and whereas a number of loyalists with their families and disbanded soldiers have already taken up their lands there, and are frequently obliged to come to Halifax on necessary occasions with vegetables or exchange for other necessaries of life, which their lands do not as yet furnish them with, and have not the means of paying their ferriage.

For remedy whereof, and encouraging settlement of the aforesaid lands.

- I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, that from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, His Majesty's Justices in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace for the county of Halifax, shall be, and are hereby authorised and empowered to establish a ferry between Halifax and Dartmouth, and to contract with a fit person or persons to undertake the management of the same.
- II. Be it also enacted, that such undertaker shall provide two or more staunch and sufficient boats capable of carrying twelve persons including the ferrymen, and that two careful able men shall attend each boat, which boats shall constantly ply between the King's Slip in Halifax and Creighton's Wharf at Dartmouth, or such other convenient place on the Dartmouth side as the Justices of the Sessions may see fit to order, from sun-rise to sun-set each and every day of the week.
- III. Be it further enacted, that two days in the week, viz. Wednesdays and Saturdays the ferry shall be free to all such persons coming or going with vegetables and provisions to and from the market, who shall have obtained from the Justices of the Quarter Sessions a certificate or certificates, that he, she, or they are entitled to such privilege.
- IV. And be it further enacted, that the expence incurred by this Act for making the ferriage free two days in the week, shall be paid out of the public treasury, and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province, is hereby empowered to grant a warrant for the same for any sum or sums not exceeding sixty pounds, upon certificate being produced from His Majesty's Justices of the Sessions, that the person undertaking has faithfully discharged his duty as a ferryman.
- V. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force, one year and no longer.

