

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Monday, the Second Day of October, 1758, and in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of His Majesty's Reign.*

32 George II – Chapter 35

**An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of a Resolution of the Governor and Council of this Province, of the 14th of April 1755, intituled “An Act to prevent the cutting and splitting of Hides;” Revived this present Sessions of the General Assembly.**

Whereas by a resolution of the Governor and Council of this Province of the fourteenth of April, one thousand, seven hundred, and fifty five, intituled, “An Act to prevent the Cutting and splitting of Hides,” it is among other things enacted, that no tanner or other person whatsoever shall sell or expose to sale any leather, tanned, curried, or otherwise dressed or manufactured, within this Province, till the same has been viewed, stamped and marked, by the Surveyor of Leather, on pain of forfeiting twenty shillings, and that such surveyor should be paid for his trouble therein, at the following rates, viz. three pence for every ox, bull, steer, or cow hide, and for every calf skin, one penny.

And whereas it has been found by experience, that the viewing, stamping, and marking of leather manufactured within this Province, has not answered the design of the said resolution, and the subjecting the manufacturers of leather to the payment of fees for viewing, stamping, and marking the same, has proved a discouragement to the tanners and curriers in this Province, by a Hindrance of their time, and lessening their profits. In order therefore, to encourage the manufacturing of leather within this Province, and to prevent deceits and defrauds therein,

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that from and after the publication of this Act, all leather tanned, curried, or otherwise dressed or manufactured within this Province, shall, (in lieu of being viewed, stamped, and marked by a surveyor as in the said recited resolution is directed) be stamped and marked by the tanner, currier, or other person manufacturing the same, with his or their surnames, shall be sold or offered to be sold, not being stamped or marked as is herein before prescribed, or if any leather manufactured, stamped, and marked as aforesaid, shall not be well and sufficiently tanned or curried, in a good and workmanlike manner; in either case, upon complaint thereof being made to any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who by virtue of this Act, shall have full power and authority to hear and determine the same, and upon conviction thereof, upon the oaths of two or more credible witnesses, competent in such matters, and upon view of such unstamped or defective leather as aforesaid, shall adjudge the same to be forfeited and sold, and the money arising thereby, after deducting reasonable charges of prosecution, shall be one half to the prosecutor, and the other half shall be paid into the hands of the overseers of the poor, for the use of the poor of the town or place, where such conviction shall be made.