

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Monday the 2nd day of October, 1758, in the 32nd year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by Prorogation until Wednesday the first day of August 1759, in the 33rd Year of His Majesty's Reign.

33 George II – Chapter 4 (Session 1)

An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Town of Halifax.

Whereas there are, or hereafter may be, persons residing within the town of Halifax, who, notwithstanding their best endeavours for obtaining a livelihood, may by the providence of God, thro' sickness or otherwise, be rendered incapable of supporting themselves or families, be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, be paid out of the public treasury of this province, by warrant under the hand and seal of his excellency the governor, into the hands of the overseers of the poor of the town of Halifax for the time being; to be by them applied within one year from the receipt thereof, towards the relief and assistance of such persons as shall appear to them, upon strict inquiry and examination, to be proper objects of such charity.

And it is further enacted, that the said overseers of the poor are hereby authorized to open subscriptions, and collect and distribute such sums as shall be subscribed by any well disposed persons, for such charitable uses. And the said overseers shall, and are hereby obliged to keep a fair account of the receipts and distributions of all monies, which shall be paid into their hands for such purposes, and upon the expiration of their said office, lay the same before his excellency the governor, and His Majesty's council for their inspection, and what ballance may remain in the Hands of the said overseers at the expiration of their Office, shall be by them paid into the hands of their successors.