

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 4th day of December 1759, and in the 33^d year of His Majesty's Reign.

33 George II – Chapter 12 (Session 2)

An Act in Addition to an Act, intituled, “An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Town of Halifax:” made and passed in the 33d Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Whereas upon a representation from the overseers of the poor for the town of Halifax, it appears that the method prescribed by the act intituled, “An Act for the Relief the of Poor in the Town of Halifax,” (especially such poor as are not proper objects for the workhouse) is ineffectual, for remedy whereof;

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, council, and assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that the sum of one hundred pounds shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of the township of Halifax aforesaid, for this current year; which assessment shall be made by an act of the church-wardens and vestry of the parish of St. Paul's, subscribed by the church-wardens, and a majority of the said vestry, at two assessments, at the discretion of said church-wardens and vestry; and which sum so assessed by said church-wardens and vestry, the said overseers of the poor are hereby impowered and directed to collect and receive from the inhabitants of said township, according to their respective rates as assessed; and in case any of the said inhabitants shall refuse to pay the sum they are so assessed in, the said overseers are hereby impowered to levy the same by warrant of distress, under the hand and seal of any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, against the person refusing to pay the same.

Provided always, that if any person shall think himself aggrieved by said assessment, he may bring his complaint to the next general court of quarter sessions, where the same shall be finally determined.

And it is further enacted, that said overseers of the poor are hereby required and directed to account upon oath, for all such money as they shall receive by virtue of this act, to said church wardens and vestry.