

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

33 George II – Chapter 4 (Session 2)

**An Act for erecting a Market-House within the Town of Halifax, and for raising a Sum of Money by Lottery for that Purpose.**

Whereas great advantages will accrue, as well to the inhabitants of the town of Halifax, as to persons importing provisions from the colonies, by the erecting a market-house, where such provisions may be exposed to public sale;

Be it enacted by his excellency the Governor, council, and assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that the honourable John Collier, Thomas Saul, and Richard Bulkeley, esqrs; and Joshua Mauger, esq; Malachy Saiter, esq; Mr. Benjamin Gerrish, Mr. Deschamps, Mr. Binney, and Henry Newton, esq; (any five of whom to be a quorum) shall be, and are hereby constituted and appointed commissioners for designing, erecting, ordering and building such market-house.

And forasmuch as the erecting and building the said market-house will be attending with considerable charge and expence.

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for and towards raising a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, for the purpose beforementioned, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to purchase tickets, and become adventurers in a lottery, according to the plan or scheme hereafter mentioned, for the raising the said sum of four hundred pounds.

SCHEME

	Dollars	Dollars
1 Prize of	1000	1000
1	500	500
5	100	500
10	50	500
25	20	500
100	8	800
<u>1050</u>	4	<u>4200</u>
1192 Prizes		<u>8000</u>
<u>3608</u> Blanks		Dollars
4800 Tickets at two Dollars each, is		9600
	To be paid in Prizes	800
Remains to be applied to the purpose aforesaid		1600

And be it enacted, that the persons herein before named as commissioners for designing, erecting, ordering, and building the said market-house, be also the commissioners for managing the lottery; who are to give security to the treasurer of the province, for the faithful performance of their trust, and also to account with him for the monies received and paid in pursuance thereof. And they are also hereby impowered to proceed to publish the scheme as above, and to dispose of tickets, and collect the money for said purpose; and to do all other matters and things relative to the conducting and finishing the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the persons purchasing tickets and being adventurers in the said lottery, shall be hereby intituled to receive from the said commissioners (who are hereby directed to pay the same) the sum or sums of money, that shall become due by virtue of such fortunate tickets, within twenty days after the drawing of the said lottery is finished, and that without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.