

*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, and there continued by several Prorogations until Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 1760, in the 34<sup>th</sup> Year of His Majesty's Reign.*

34 George II – Chapter 13

**An Act for building a publick Slaughter House in the Town Halifax, and for regulating the same.**

Whereas the killing of cattle, swine, and sheep, within the town of Halifax, by the butchers at their houses and shops, is become a public nuisance, occasioned by the dung and garbage being thrown into the streets.

Be it therefore enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that there shall be erected and build a slaughter house upon the beach, set apart for that purpose by his Excellency; which house, when built, shall be for the publick use of all people, who may have cattle to kill for sale at the public market only; and his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, is hereby impowered to cause the said slaughter house to be built, and of such demensions as to him shall appear to be of sufficient extent, usefulness, and conveniency for the purposes aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, that as soon as the said slaughter house is finished, which shall be made public, no cattle, swine, or sheep of any kind, shall be killed within the town and suburbs of Halifax for public sale, excepting at the said slaughter house; And all persons acting contrary thereunto, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty shillings for every beast so killed, to be levied by any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon view of the same, be recovered by the oath of one credible witness, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said town, for the use of the poor.

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall debar any person or persons, who have private slaughter houses situated upon the water on any wharf in the harbour, from using their said slaughter houses, if upon return made by the keeper of the market house, it appears at the next Quarter Sessions to be inoffensive to the public.

And be it also further enacted, that the keeper of the market house shall have the care, of the said slaughter house, and shall visit the same at least thrice a week; and shall cause the persons who make use thereof to keep it clean and sweet, and to deprive such persons, who shall refuse so to do, of the use thereof until they comply therein; and shall also be impowered to sue any person or persons, from whom the building may have suffered damage, who shall be obliged to make sufficient repairs of such damage to his satisfaction.