

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday the first day of July, 1761, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several prorogations until Monday the Twenty-Fifth Day of April, 1763, in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign.

3 George III – Chapter 1 (Session 1)

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

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that the sum of one hundred pounds shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of the township of Halifax for the relief and support of the poor, belonging to the said township this current year; which assessment shall be made by five persons to be appointed assessors, by the Justices the next General Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be held at Halifax, after publication hereof, who shall administer to them an oath for the due and faithful execution of their office, according to the best of their skill and judgement. And if any person so nominated, and appointed as aforesaid, shall refuse to be sworn into the said office, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds, and another shall be nominated and appointed in like manner in his stead. And the said assessment shall be regularly made out and subscribed by the assessors and being so completed they shall deliver the same to the overseers of the poor, who are hereby empowered and directed, to collect and receive the sums so assessed, from the inhabitants of the said township according to their respective rates as assessed, at two payments, one moiety thereof, to be collected as soon as may be after the said assessment shall be made, and the remaining moiety, to be collected immediately after the twenty ninth day of September next.

And in case any of the said inhabitants shall neglect or refuse to pay the sum they are so assessed in, then said overseers are hereby empowered to levy the same by distress and sale of the goods and chattles of the person neglecting or refusing to pay the same, together with all charges attending thereon.

Provided always, that if any person shall think himself aggrieved by the 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 the overseers of the poor shall account upon oath, to the Court of General Quarter-Sessions, for all such money as they shall receive by virtue of this Act.