

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 the 19th day of October, 1763, in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign.

3 George III – Chapter 9 (Session 2)

An Act in Addition to an Act, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction or Work-House, within the Town of Halifax; and for Binding out poor Children, made and pass'd in the Thirty Third Year of His Late Majesty's Reign.

Whereas several inconveniencies have arisen for want of sufficient directions being given in the Act, made and passed in the thirty third year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, Act, for Regulating and Maintaining an House of Correction, or Work-House within the Town of Halifax, and for Binding out Poor Children, touching the regulating and governing the work-house, erected in the town of Halifax; and other matter, intended to be provided for by the said Act.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, the ordering and governing the said house of correction or work-house, shall be in the Justices of the Peace in their Quarter Sessions, (except three rooms, which shall be reserved for the reception of the poor, under the direction of the overseers of the poor,) and the said Justices are hereby also empowered to agree with any person to be master or keeper of the said house, (excepting the three rooms before excepted) upon the best terms they can, for such time as they shall think adviseable publick notice being first given in the Halifax Gazette for that purpose; and such master or keeper shall account with the said Justices in Sessions, once in every three months (if required,) therein stating as well the expences of attending the said house, as all the earning of the same.

And be it further enacted, that the said Justices shall nominate three of their bench quarterly, to have the inspection of the said work house, one of which Justices in rotation shall visit the same at least once every week to see that such persons as shall be committed thereto are kept diligently to work; and to rectify any abuses that may be found in the management thereof.

And whereas, by the said Act, sick and weak persons, unable to work, are directed to be sent to the said house or correction, to be there taken care of and relieved, which has been attended with great expence, for remedy whereof.

Be it enacted, that it shall be in the power of the overseers of the poor of the town of Halifax only, to send such sick and weak persons to the work-house, there to be relieved by their direction, and the expence thereof to be defrayed out of such taxes, or poor rate, as shall be granted and collected for the town of Halifax.

And whereas, the clause in the said Act, relating to the binding out poor children, and orphans, is confined to the town of Halifax only, which it extended to the other towns in the Province, might be attended with many good effects. Be it therefore enacted, that the said clause in the before recited Act, relating to the binding out poor children and orphans, and all the directions therein contained, shall for the future attend, and be construed to extend, to all the other towns in this Province.

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