

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28th of May 1765 in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.*

5 George III – Chapter 5

**An Act to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province, (Halifax excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a Dividend or Proportion of any County or Town Charge to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads, and Bridges within the said Townships respectively.**

Whereas there are many non-resident proprietors of lands within this province, whose lands are enhanced in their value by the labour of those who are present, and the burthen of the necessary county and town charges being heavy on the resident proprietors.

Be it enacted, by the Governor council and assembly, that each and every non-resident proprietor or proprietors of lands in any township within this province, (the township of Halifax excepted,) shall pay or cause to be paid, his, her, or their just dividend, or proportion, of all county and town charges hereafter to be assess'd in such county and township, and upon failure thereof, the same to be recover'd as directed by the laws, empowering such assessment, and each and every non-resident proprietor or proprietors of lands in any township, shall be obliged to do and perform his, her, or their parts or proportion of labour on the highways, roads, and bridges, within their respective townships, or pay for the same as delinquent inhabitants are by law directed.

And be it also enacted, that if any proprietor or proprietors of lands in any townships as aforesaid, shall be absent, and no person appearing in their behalf, on publick notice being given in the Halifax Gazette, to pay his, her, or their dividend or proportion of any assessment made in virtue of any law of this province, and to labour on the highways, roads, and bridges, as aforesaid, and not having any goods and chattles, to answer his, her, or their dividend, or proportion of any charge made as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, who are hereby empower'd to let out any part of such delinquent lands, as may be sufficient to pay by the produce of the same, any such dividend, proportion or charge so due; and in case the lands of such absentee, should not for the present, produce sufficient to pay the quota of his, her, or their proportion, of such assessment, that then the lands of such delinquent shall be held chargeable therewith.

Provided always, that if any proprietor or proprietors of lands, let out and held as aforesaid, shall think himself or herself aggrieved, by the proceeding of any justice of the peace, in letting out his, her or their lands as aforesaid, such proprietor or proprietors by themselves, or their attorneys, may complain to the justices in their general sessions of the peace, for said county, for relief therein.

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