

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28th day of May 1765, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations, to Tuesday the Third Day of June, 1766, in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

6 George III – Chapter 3 (Session 1)

An Act for the more effectual Recovery of his Majesty's Dues in the Islands of Cape Breton, St. John's and Islands adjacent.

Whereas His Majesty by his royal proclamation, given at St. James's the seventh day of October, 1763, in the third year of his reign, has thought fit to annex the islands of St. John's [Prince Edward Island] and Cape Breton, or Isle Royale, with the lesser islands adjacent thereto, to the government of Nova Scotia; and whereas some doubts have arisen, whether the laws of this province antecedents to the said proclamation are in force there, and as sundry persons have since refus'd to pay his Majesty's dues: in order therefore to remedy the same,

It is hereby declared and enacted, by the commander in chief, the council and assembly, that by virtue of His Majesty's royal proclamation the said islands of St. John's, Cape Breton or Isle Royale, with the lesser islands adjacent, were, and shall accordingly be adjudged to have been and be under the government, authority, and jurisdiction of this His Majesty's province, and that the inhabitants thereof, were and are subject to all the laws of the same.

And be it further enacted, that the collectors of impost and excise duties, or any other officer appointed to receive his Majesty's dues there, shall be and are empowered to prosecute, sue for, and recover, in any of His Majesty's courts of record, within the province, any duties, customs, excise, rents, or arrears of duties, customs, excise or rents, or any debts or other demands whatsoever due to the crown, from persons residing in said territories, and such courts in which such causes are commenced, are hereby authorized to hear and determine the same, and to award execution accordingly.

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