

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Eighth Day of June, 1786, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by the Act of the General-Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, "An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters."**

Whereas it is expedient to repeal certain provisions in the Act made by the General-Assembly of this province in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign intituled, "An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters," whereby certain penalties and disabilities are imposed on persons professing the popish religion.

- I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that so much of the said act as relates to the subjecting any popish recusant, papist or persons professing the popish religion, who shall set up any school within this province to certain imprisonment and penalties, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.
- II. Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to extend to any person or persons, but such who shall take and subscribe an oath in the words set forth in an act made in the twenty third year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, "An Act for relieving his Majesty's subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed upon them by two Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the Thirty second Year of His late Majesty's Reign intituled, "an Act confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions, and an Act for the Establishment of Religious public Worship in this Province, and for supressing of Popery," in the manner as therein directed, and who shall be licensed for that purpose by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief of this province.
- III. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the permitting any popish person priest or schoolmaster, taking upon themselves the education or government, or boarding youth under the age of fourteen years, who shall have been brought up and educated in the Protestant religion.
- IV. Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's pleasure therein shall be known.