

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 applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Services of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven, and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency.

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of his Majesty's province of Nova-Scotia, towards appropriating the supplies granted to His Majesty in this session of the General Assembly, and for the supplying the exigencies of His Majesty's government of Nova-Scotia, do humbly beseech it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that by or out of such monies as now are, and from time to time shall be, and remain in the public treasury of this province, after paying the intersection the government securities, and so much of the principal sums due on such securities, as the proportions of ten per cent, of all, and singular the monies arising from the duties of impost and excise, paid into the treasury will pay off, and discharge; there shall be paid and applied, a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds to each of the assistant Justices of the Supreme Court, for their respective salaries for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, provided the said offices shall be actually filled for that year, in lieu of all fees, and perquisites whatever and not otherwise, and a further sum of four hundred pounds to the treasurer of the province, for his salary during the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and for the expence of his clerk and office rent for that year; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the council in general assembly, for his services for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven: and a further sum of one hundred pounds, to the clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services for the year one thousand, seven and eighty seven; and a further sum of thirty pounds, for defraying the expences of the council in General Assembly, for the same year aforesaid: and the further sum of one hundred pounds to the speaker of the House of Assembly for the same year aforesaid; and the further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the crown for this attendance on the Supreme Count in all their sittings, and not otherwise; and the further sum of one hundred pounds, to the Solicitor General for the same year aforesaid; and the further sum of eighty pounds to Anthony Henry, printer, for the printing for the government in this province, and for the General Assembly thereof, for the same year aforesaid; and the further sum of seventy pounds, to each of the two waiters, employed in the collection of the revenue of this province, for the district of Halifax, for the same year aforesaid, the said waiters not to act as clerks in the office of collectors of impost and excise, but to give their whole attention to the duty of waiter only; and the further sum of eighty pounds, to the gauger employed in

the same district, for the same year aforesaid; and the further sum of one hundred pounds to the keeper of the light house at Sambro Island, within the country of Halifax, for the same year aforesaid; and a further sum of one hundred pounds sterling, to the agent of this province for his services for that year; and a further sum of three hundred pounds, to defray the contingent expences of the General Assembly during the present session, the same to be drawn for by the Governor; Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, on the certificate or certificates of the speaker of the House of Assembly, and secretary of the province, and not otherwise; and a further sum of ten pounds, to the Reverend Wingate Weeks for his attendance, during this session of General Assembly, as chaplain to the House of Assembly; and a further sum of seven pounds, to Peter Etter, senior, messenger of the House for his attendance during this session of General Assembly; and the further sum of thirty pounds, to Mrs. Deborah Cotnam for her past services, as keeper of the Council Chamber and House of Assembly, and a further sum of sixty pounds, to Doctor John Almond for his services, as superintendent physician to the poor house in Halifax, and a further sum of one hundred pounds, to Doctor Nicholai the dispensing apothecary, and surgeon, at the poor house; or so much thereof, as he may not have already received by warrant on the treasury, for account of medicines furnished by him, and his attendance there; and a further sum of seventy five pounds, to defray the expence of the repairs immediately necessary to be made, to the General Assembly House in Halifax.

II. And be it further enacted, that out of the Monies which now are, or may be collected, for the duties of impost and excise, there shall be paid and allowed, to the two land waiters and gaugers, employed in the district of Shelburne, after the rate of forty pounds per annum from the date of their respective commissioners until the end of the year, one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, and after the rate of fifty pounds per annum, to each of the said waiters, for the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty seven in lieu of all fees, perquisites, and expences whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, that by or out of such monies as are, or may come into the public treasury of this province, there shall be allowed and paid, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, for the repair of the road, leading from the Windsor road to Newport; and a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, to compleat and a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, to compleat the road lately opened between Annapolis Royal and Shelburne, and a further sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, to open a road from the township of Barrington to Shelburne; and a further sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, for the purpose of opening a road from the settlement of Remsheg, to the road leading from Cumberland to Halifax; and a further sum not exceeding two hundred pounds for the purpose of opening a road from the township of Digby to the river Scissabou [Sissiboo]; and a further sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, for the purpose of repairing the road, leading from Onslow to Tatmagushe [Tatamagouche]; and a further sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, for the purpose of making a road from Country Harbour, in the County of Sydney, towards Pictou by the way of Manchester and Antigonishe [Antigonish] in said county, and a further sum not exceeding fifty pounds, to compleat the road leading from Falmouth to the half way river so called; which several sums of money so

appropriated, for the repair of roads, shall be laid out and expended, under the direction of such commissioners as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, shall think fit to appoint, agreeable to the resolves of the General Assembly.

IV. And be it further enacted, that by or out of such monies, as are or may come into the public treasury of this province, there shall be paid, a further sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, for the purpose of erecting a light house, for the safety of the navigation leading into the harbour of Shelburne, to be laid out and expended under the direction of such commissioners as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, may see fit to appoint for that service.

V. And be it further enacted, that there shall be allowed, and paid to the collector or collectors of impost and excise, out of all and singular the duties respectively collected by them, and paid into the treasury of this province; that is to say, to defray the charges of collection at the district of Halifax, six pounds, on every hundred pounds so collected and paid; and ten pounds, on every hundred pounds so collected and paid at all and every the other districts, and outports in this province, which several allowances, shall be in lieu of all other fees, perquisites and expences whatsoever.

VI. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawfull, for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant, on the treasurer from time to time, such sum and sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expence of maintaining prisoners committed to the common goal in Halifax, and not by law chargeable to the county, the expenditure of such sums to be accounted for to the committee of public accounts, in the manner heretofore used and accustomed.

VII. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that our of all, and any of the aids and supplies aforesaid, there shall and may be issued and applied, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, any sum or sums of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, for defraying the contingent expences of the government for the same year aforesaid, as may grow due and are not ascertained, or particularly provided for by this or any other Act or vote of Assembly.

VIII. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that all and singular the several sums and respective allowances, and monies hereby made and granted, shall be issued and applied as by this Act is directed, and for no other intent or purposes whatsoever, and shall be paid by the treasurer of this province for the time being out of such monies as may come into the public treasury from the duties of impost and excise and other aids and supplies granted or to be granted by this or any other assembly, upon warrant or warrants, under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of this province, as the same shall grow due, without any undue preference, or partiality whatsoever and not otherwise.

“And whereas it is requisite to make provision for the payment, and security of such part of the monies voted by this assembly in their last session, for bounties and premiums, the repair of roads and other services, as have not yet been paid, or drawn for, and also to ascertain what part of the government securities bearing interest, shall be considered by the treasurer of this province as entitled to have a preferable payment of interest, and an exclusive appropriation of ten per cent. of the duties of impost and excise for the liquidation and discharge so far as such proportion will go of the part the public debt.” Be it therefore enacted, that all such warrants and treasurer’s notes now outstanding as have been drawn conformable to any vote, or votes of this or former Houses of Assembly and have borne interest for twelve months at the least, before the passing of this Act, shall be entitled to such, preference and none others; and the treasurer of the province is hereby ordered, so to consider them, in the payment of the interest due thereon, and in the appropriation of the ten per cent. aforesaid.

IX. And be it also enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to grant warrants on the treasury, under his hand and seal for all such sum and sums of money, as were voted and applied by the General Assembly in their last sessions, and have not been received or drawn for; and in case the treasurer shall not have received monies in the treasury, for the property of government, sufficient to satisfy such warrants, as shall or may be granted agreeable to this Act, he is hereby empowered on the presentation of any such warrants to acknowledge the same by endorsing such acknowledgement on said warrant, with the date of its presentation, and such warrant from thenceforth, shall carry interest after the rate of six per cent per annum and may be taken and received at all the public offices in this province, as cash for provincial duties there due and payable; and shall be payable to the bona fide holder thereof and no other.

X. And be it further enacted, that the bounties and premiums votes and allowed by the General Assembly, in their last sessions, shall be continued, and the same are hereby continued, until the end of the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty seven and no longer, and shall and may be paid and satisfied, conformable to such votes by virtue of this Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that by or out of all and every the monies that now or may come into the treasury of this province the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, may and shall draw by warrant a sum not exceeding eighty five pounds seven shillings currency to defray the expences incurred for repairs done to the governor house; an account of which has been rendered to the House of Assembly.