

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 Twenty Fifth Day of October, 1787, in the Twenty Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Third 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 Eight, and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's 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 supplying the exigencies of his Majesty's government of Nova Scotia, do humbly beseech it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Lieutenant 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, there shall be paid and supplied to the assistant justice of the supreme court for his salary for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, or for such part thereof, as the said office shall be actually filled for that year, a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, in lieu of all fees and perquisites whatever; and a further sum of four hundred pounds to another assistant justice of said court if such shall be appointed, the said salary to commence and become payable from the time he shall be qualified and take his seat on the bench, but not otherwise; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the speaker of the house of assembly for his salary during the same year; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the solicitor general for his services during the same year; and a further sum of four hundred pounds to the treasurer of the province for his salary during that year, and for the expence of his clerk and office rent during the same year; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the council in general assembly for his services for that year; and a further sum of thirty pounds for defraying the expences of the council in general assembly for the same year; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the house of assembly for his services for that year; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the crown for his attendance on the supreme court in all its sittings and not otherwise; and a further sum of eighty pounds to Anthony Henry, printer, for printing for government in this province and for the general assembly thereof for the same year aforesaid; and a further sum of thirty pounds to the keeper of the council chamber and assembly rooms for the same year; 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, the same waiters not to act as clerks in the office of the collectors of impost and excise, but to reside in Halifax and give their whole attention to the duty of waiter only; and a further sum of eighty pounds to the guager and weigher employed in the same district for the same year, provided he

resides in Halifax and gives his attention to the duty of his office as gauger and weigher; and a further sum of forty pounds to each of the two waiters employed or to be employed in the district of Shelburne, the same to be paid out of the duties of impost and excise collected in that district for the year aforesaid, in lieu of all fees, perquisites and expences whatever; and a further sum of seven hundred pounds to be drawn by warrant or warrants on the treasury by the governor, lieutenant governor or commander in chief for the time being to defray the expenses incurred for the entertainment of his Royal Highness Prince William Henry, in his late visit to this province, and for other contingent expenses whatever; and a further sum of seven hundred pounds to be drawn by warrant or warrants on the treasury by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to defray the expences incurred for the entertainment of his Royal Highness Prince William Henry, in his late visit to this province, and for other contingent expences for the year aforesaid not herein otherwise provided for; and a further sum of one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two pence for the agent of the province for services for the same year aforesaid; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to the keeper of the light house at Sambro Island, within the port of Halifax aforesaid, for his services for the same year; and a further sum of forty pounds to the messenger to the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and his Majesty's council, for his services for that year; and a further sum not exceeding six hundred pounds to defray the contingent expenses of the general assembly during the present session, the same to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, on the certificate or certificates of the speaker of the house of assembly, and the secretary of the province, and not otherwise; and a further sum of forty pounds to the speaker of the house of assembly to defray the expenses incurred during the last and present session, for fuel, servants and other incidents; and a further sum of ten pounds to the Reverend Wingate Weeks for his attendance during the present session of general assembly, as chaplain to the house of assembly; and a further sum of ten pounds to Peter Etter, senior, messenger to the house of assembly, for his attendance during this session; and a further sum of two hundred pounds to the chief justice of the supreme court, which he has agreed to accept, in lieu of the fees taken by him on causes brought to that court or there pending for the same years aforesaid; and a further sum of forty pounds to the secretary of the province to defray the expence of his office rent for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight; and a like sum of forty pounds to the surveyor general of lands to defray the expence of his office rent for the years last aforesaid; and a further sum of one hundred and sixty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and two pence, to defray the expence of repairs done at the government house, and at the south farm, so called, the property of government; and a further sum of one hundred and twenty pounds to defray the expence of building a new bridge over the river Saint Croix on the Windsor road; and a further sum of three hundred pounds to William Lee, on account of materials furnished by him at the request of Sir Andrew Hamond, while he was Lieutenant Governor of this province, for the house and buildings erected by him at the north farm, so called, the property of government; and a further sum of one hundred and thirty pounds to John Wisdom, carpenter, in full of his demand for work done for government; and a further sum of one hundred pounds to Robert Collins, mason, in full of his demand for work done for

government; and a further sum of twenty one pounds, one shilling to John Sallows, coroner of Queen's County, for inquests taken by him prior to the twenty sixth December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five; and a further sum of nine pounds, four shillings to Jonathan Crane for a like sum over paid by him for duties on rum imported by him; and a further sum of fifty seven pounds and ten pence to John Anderson, mason, in full of his account for work done for government in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two; and a further sum of forty pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence to Noah Bowen, for work done by him on the Annapolis road, by order of government, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one; and the further sum of sixty eight pounds seven shillings and three pence half penny to Detles Christopher Jessen, for a like sum over paid by his agent to government, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two; and the further sum of fifty nine pounds, eight shillings and one penny to Anthony Henry, printer, for copies of the province laws, and stationary furnished to the house of assembly in the last session; and a further sum of four hundred pounds for the purpose of defraying the expence of hiring a proper house for an academy, and for paying the salaries of a president and professor for one year agreeably to the resolve of the house of assembly for that purpose; and a further sum of five hundred pounds to compleat the light house erecting at the entrance of the harbour of Shelburne, to be laid out under the direction of such commissioners as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, has or may see fit to appoint.

I. 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 and no more, on every hundred pounds there collected and paid, and ten pounds and no more on every hundred pounds collected and paid at all and every the other districts and out ports in this province; which several allowances shall be in lieu of all fees, perquisites and expenses whatever.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant on the treasury 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 jail at 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.

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, and not herein and hereby specially appropriated for other uses, there shall be allowed and paid a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds to repair the road leading from Sackville Bridge, so called, to the Three Mile Plain, near Windsor; and a further sum of five hundred pounds for the purpose of building a bridge or bridges across the river Pissaquid [Pisquid], in the county of Hants, at or near the forks of that river; and a further sum of one hundred pounds for repairing the long causeway and main road between Marshall's and Bowen's tavern on the great road from Halifax to Annapolis; and a further

sum of Five Hundred pounds for the purpose of making the road from Annapolis to Shelburne; and a further sum of one hundred pounds for the purpose of repairing the road, leading from Partridge Island to the head of the river Hebere [River Hebert]; which several sums of money so granted and appropriated for the making and repairing of roads shall be laid out and expended under the direction of such persons as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, has or may think proper to authorize, employ or appoint for such purpose.

IV. And be it further enacted, that by our out of such monies as are or may come into the public treasury of this province, and are not herein and hereby specially appropriated for other uses, there shall be allowed and paid a bounty of seven shillings and six pence per ton measure on all vessels of seventy five tons, statute measure, and upwards, which shall be built within this province of good and sufficient materials, and in a substantial workmanlike manner, and launched and made fit for sea in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight; and also a bounty of one shilling per bushel for all clean, fresh grown, merchantable flax seed, raised, dressed and manufactured fit for use in this province, and brought to market during the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, the same to be paid to the grower thereof on his making affidavit of his raising and preparing the same as aforesaid; and also an additional bounty of six pence per bushel on the exportation of such flax seed to Great Britain or Ireland to be paid to the exporter, provided such export is made within nine months after the seed is grown and good proofs are made at the custom house, where it is to be cleared outwards, of the time when, and place where the same was raised and manufactured; and also a premium of fifty pounds on the greatest quantity of merchantable hemp, not less than a ton weight, raised and manufactured by any one person within this province, and brought to market in any shipping port in the same within the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight; and also a premium of thirty seven pounds, ten shillings, on the next greatest quantity of such hemp not less than three quarters of a ton weight, raised and manufactured by any one person within this province, and brought to market in any shipping port as aforesaid; and also a premium of twenty five pounds on the next greatest quantity, not less than half a ton weight, raised, manufactured and brought to market as aforesaid; and also a bounty of five shillings per hundred weight on every hundred weight of such hemp raised, manufactured and brought to market as aforesaid within the same year; and also a premium of forty pounds to the first adventurer being an inhabitant of this province, who shall within the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, erect and build in the province, a good and sufficient bloomery or forge at which shall be made from ore of the province ten tons at the least of good merchantable bar iron within six months after such forge shall be erected; also a premium of eighty pounds to the first adventurer, being an inhabitant of the province, who within the year aforesaid, shall build a good and sufficient finery in the province, at which there shall be manufactured and made ten tons at the least of good merchantable refined bar iron within six months after the same shall be erected; and also a premium of one hundred and fifty pounds to the first adventurer, being an inhabitant of the province, who shall within the year aforesaid, erect and build a furnace in the province, at which shall be made within six months after the same shall be built thirty tons of good merchantable pig iron; and also a bounty of five pounds per

ton on all pot and pearl ashes made within this province, which shall be delivered or brought to market clean and well manufactured within the year aforesaid.

V. And be it further enacted, that all and singular the several sums, respective allowances, bounties, premiums and monies hereby made and granted, shall be issued and applied as by this act is directed, and for no other intent or purposes whatever, 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 for the time being of this province, as the same shall grow due, without any undue preference or partiality whatever, and not otherwise.

VI. And be it further enacted, that in case the warrants so to be drawn, cannot be paid and satisfied at the treasury when presented for payment, for want of monies there, the treasurer is hereby empowered to acknowledge the presentation of the same by endorsements, and such warrant or warrants from thenceforth shall carry interest after the rate of six per centum per annum, and shall and may be taken and received at all the public offices in this province as cash for provincial duties there due and payable, except as is herein after mentioned and excepted, and such warrants shall be payable to the bona fide holder and assignee thereof and no other.

And whereas it is proper to provide for the regular and punctual payment of the interest due on the treasury warrants of this government now outstanding and unsatisfied, and also to secure as far as can be done at present the regular payment and discharge of the salaries of the officers of government as the same may become due;

VII. Be it therefore enacted, that all and every person and persons, who now do or may hereafter owe money to government for duties or other services whatever, shall be obliged, and shall pay twenty five per cent or one quarter part at least of the sums they respectively owe in cash, and shall not be allowed to discharge more than seventy five per cent of such debts in the government warrants or paper securities of the province; and all collectors of the duties of impost and excise, and other receivers of the public monies shall be obliged to, and shall pay into the public treasury quarterly, or oftener if required, all such monies as they are either of them may receive without exchange, defalcation or abatement on any pretence whatever, and if any collector of the duties of impost and excise, or other public accountant or receiver shall be directly or indirectly concerned in purchasing at a discount, or otherwise with the public monies received by him, any treasury warrants or government securities, he shall be deemed unfit to serve his Majesty in any office of profit or trust in this province, and shall be chargeable in the settlement of his accounts for all profit or emolument so made by him; and the treasurer of the province is hereby empowered and directed, by our out of the first monies, which shall come into the treasury for account of government to pay and satisfy the interest due, or to grow due, on the outstanding treasury warrants and government securities in the first place, and after such payment then the

salaries due and to grow due to the officers of government, and to apply the surplus if any shall be, to the payment and discharge of the debts due and owing by government without any undue preference or partiality.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that there shall be paid and allowed to Nathaniel Russel the further sum of one hundred pounds nine shillings and five pence, and to Robert Collins, mason, the further sum of forty six pounds, one shilling and seven pence, and to William Lawlor the further sum of fifty two pounds, two shillings and three pence for the respective balances due them for work done, and materials furnished by them, for repairs at the government house in the present year.

IX. And be it further enacted, that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, be empowered to draw warrants on the treasury from time to time in favor of the overseers of the poor maintained in the poor house at Halifax, for the support of such transient poor there, as are not by law chargeable to the county of Halifax in the manner heretofore used and accustomed.