

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 in Amendment of an Act, passed the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads Bridges and Streets, &c."

Whereas the public roads in many parts of this province are frequently rendered impassable during the winter by the depths of snow and repeated falls thereof to the great injury of individuals, and inconvenience of the public in general, for remedy whereof;

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the first day of January, which will be in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, it shall and may be lawful for the surveyors of the highways in the respective townships and districts within this province, to order and direct the inhabitants as often as they shall deem necessary during the winter to work on the public highways with their horses, oxen and sleds, in order that the roads may be rendered passable. Provided always nevertheless, that no inhabitant shall be compelled to furnish more than one day's labour of himself or cattle for any one fall of snow, or where the fall or drift of snow shall not exceed the depth of twelve inches.

II. And be it further enacted, that every inhabitant refusing or neglecting to obey such order of the overseers of highways, shall forfeit for each refusal or neglect the sum of ten shillings, to be recovered before any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, and the money so recovered to be paid into the hands of the surveyors of the roads in the town where such offence was committed, for the use of the road within such township.