

*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.*

28 George III – Chapter 9

**An Act to prevent the Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current Value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings in this Province.**

Whereas great quantities of base metal under the denomination of half pence have been imported in this province and are daily used in payment to the injury of merchants and others, for remedy whereof;

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and House of Assembly, that from and after the publication of this act, no person or persons whatsoever shall import, vend, or knowingly and wittingly offer in payment, or circulate any half pence or other copper coin, other than tower half pence or such copper coin as may and do legally pass current in Great Britain or Ireland, on pain of forfeiting such base half pence and coin, and paying for the use of the poor of the town where such offence shall be committed a sum not exceeding double the amount or nominal value, of such base half pence and copper coin so imported, vended, offered in payment, or circulated as aforesaid, to be recovered on information before any two of his Majesty's justices of the peace, within the town or county where such offence shall be committed.

II. And be it further enacted, that in future each and every English crown shall pass current at five shillings and six pence, and every such half crown at two shillings and nine pence, and every such shilling at thirteen pence, and so in proportion for the lesser divisions of such coin.