

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 February, 1790, in the Thirtieth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

30 George III – Chapter 10

An Act to provide a suitable Place for the General Assembly and King's Courts to sit in, and for other public Purposes.

Whereas the distruction of the court-house by fire, and the inconvenient situation of the present assembly house makes it necessary that a more suitable place should be provided for the public service, and whereas the state of the province finances will not at present admit of the expence of building a proper place, for these and other purposes.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by warrant under his hand and seal to appoint three or more fit and proper persons to act as commissioners on the part of the province, for the following purposes, that is to say, it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners when appointed in their own names as trustees for the province to lease from the honourable Thomas Cochran, James Cochran and William Cochran of the town of Halifax, merchants for ten years to be computed from the first day of July next, all that new building belonging to them now erected in front of the Government House, together with such part of the cellar as said commissioners shall think necessary, not to exceed one third part of the whole thereof, at a yearly rent of two hundred pounds, to be paid out of the treasury of the province in two equal half yearly payments, the said rent to commence when the said building shall be fitted up and compleated by the said Thomas, James and William Cochran, agreeable to such plan as the said commissioners with the consent and approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, shall agree to. Provided always, that nothing in said lease shall oblige the province to be at any expence in keeping said building in repair, but the same shall be kept in good tenantable repair by the said Thomas, James and William Cochran at their own proper cost and charge.

II. And be it further enacted, that if the said commissioners or a majority of them shall certify on the said first day of July to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, that so much of the said building, as shall be then wanted, is fit for the public service, and that the said Thomas, James and William Cochran, have become bound and obliged to fully compleat and finish the whole thereof by the first day of October next following, then the said yearly rent of two hundred pounds shall commence, and 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 at the end or expiration of every six months for the said half

yearly rent of one hundred pounds for, and during the full term of said lease, and the province is hereby bound to provide for the punctual and faithful payment of such warrants to the said Thomas, James and William Cochran their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns half yearly, until the end or expiration of said ten years.

III. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to grant a warrant or warrants on the treasury to said commissioners for a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds to enable them to purchase and provide suitable and proper furniture for the council, assembly and public court house, said commissioners to account for the expenditure thereof before the committee of public accounts.