

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.

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An Act in Amendment of an Act, intituled, “an Act for establishing a public Market House in Halifax, and for regulating the same,” also in Amendment of an Act, intituled, “an Act for building a public Slaughter House in the Town of Halifax, and for regulating the same.”

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that any person or persons other than Butchers, resident within the peninsula of Halifax, bringing live cattle, sheep or swine, for sale to the town of Halifax, shall and may slaughter and kill the same in any private slaughter house or other building erected or to be erected for that purpose; provided the same be situate on the water, or on some wharf or place, that shall not create a nuisance to any part of the town of Halifax, by such slaughtering as aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons by themselves, their servants or agents, to sell and dispose of the meat or flesh so slaughtered at any place within the said town of Halifax, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

I. Provided always, that no butcher resident as aforesaid shall be nominated or appointed the servant or agent of persons bringing live cattle, sheep or swine to the town of Halifax as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, that no person or persons whatsoever, shall act as the servant, agent or factor of any person or persons whatsoever for the purposes aforesaid, unless the person or persons so continuing and appointing such servant, factor or agent, shall actually be a farmer or farmers within this province, and if such servant, factor or agent, or any of them, after he or they, shall be appointed as aforesaid, shall purchase or buy any cattle, sheep or swine, and shall sell the same or any part thereof in the manner permitted by this act either for his own account or for the account of any other person or persons whatsoever, or shall sell for any person any cattle, sheep or swine, or any part thereof, for any other person or persons other than those by whom he has been son constituted; such factor, agent or servant shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence so by him committed, the sum of five pounds the same to be recovered on conviction before any two of his Majesty's justices of the peace, one half of which penalty shall go to the informer, and the other half to the poor of the town, wherein such offence shall be committed.

III. And be it further enacted, that this act and every part, matter, clause and thing herein contained, shall be and remain in full force, until the first day of July which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

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