

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 7

An Act in Amendment of an Act, intitled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers."

Whereas by an Act of General Assembly made and passed in the thirty fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty, intitled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers," it is among other things, enacted, that the commissioners of sewers, shall be empowered by their commissions from time to time to assess and tax all such persons as may or shall be owners of dyked meadows, marshes, &c. for and towards the repairing of dikes and wares [weirs] or buildings of new ones, and whereas it frequently happens, that the commissioners of sewers are proprietors of a great proportion of such lands whereby equal justice will not be done to the proprietors in general, for remedy whereof.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, whenever the building or repairing such dikes and wares, as are necessary to prevent inundations or for the draining or flowing of swamps, and other unprofitable grounds, or for working and draining marsh lands shall appear expedient to the commissioners aforesaid, and the expences thereof shall exceed the sum of five shillings per acre, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners or the major part of them, and they are hereby requested to summon the owners of such meadows, marshes, unprofitable swamps and lands to meet on a certain day, and at a certain place first giving reasonable notice of the same for the purpose of electing five assessors, and the said commissioners with such assessors or the majority of them, shall and may, and they are hereby authorised and empowered (the said assessors being first duly sworn impartially to execute the said office) to assess and tax all such persons as shall be owners as aforesaid towards the charge of repairing such dikes and wares and draining such unprofitable grounds having regard to each person's quantity and quality of land, and the benefits to be received thereby according to the best of their judgment.