

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of Nova-Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth day of June, Anno Domini 1770, in the Tenth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Ninth Day of October, Anno Domini 1780, and in the Twentieth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Thirteenth Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

* In the time of Sir Richard Hughes, Bart. Lieutenant Governor; Bryan Finucane, Chief Justice, and President of Council; William Nesbit, Speaker; Richard Bulkeley, Secretary of Council; and Isaac Deichamps, Clerk of Assembly.

CAP. I.

An ACT for reducing the Terms of holding the Supreme Court of Judicature, and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Halifax.

WHEREAS the holding of the Supreme Court of Judicature and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Halifax, four times a year, is found to be very inconvenient to the inhabitants, by the attendances required for grand and petit Jurors:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That for the future the Supreme Court shall be held at Halifax, three times in each year, that is to say, on the first Tuesday of the month of April, the second Tuesday of the month of July, and the second Tuesday of the month of October.

[Part of the first, with the second and third sections of this Act, are not printed, they being unnecessary, as Act 36th Geo. 3d. establishes the four Terms of both Courts.]

This Act, with the Act of the 36th Geo. 3d. cap. 37. are the Acts by which the sitting of the Supreme and Inferior Courts are now held, and the times of holding the Quarter Sessions which are held on the same days, that the Inferior Court sits, are regulated by 32nd. Geo. 2nd. cap. 27.

Times of holding the Supreme and Inferior Courts

CAP. II.

An ACT for the more speedy and effectual collecting such Town Rates and Taxes as may be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Township of Halifax.

WHEREAS the method hitherto practised in collecting taxes and rates for the support of the poor, and other town rates and taxes at Halifax, has been found insufficient for that purpose: Preamble.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the publication

Justices in General or Special Sessions to appoint annually a Collector of rates and taxes for the township of Halifax.

Said Collector to account every month.

Allowance for collecting.

lication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace, annually, to appoint a fit person to collect all town taxes or rates, which shall be assessed on the inhabitants of the township of Halifax, which person shall give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of his office.

II. *And be it also enacted*, That the Collector appointed as aforesaid, shall once in every month account with and pay into the hands of such person or persons appointed to receive the same for the time being, all such sums of money he may have received, and in case of his neglect or refusal to account and pay the same as aforesaid, such Collector shall and may be prosecuted, by bill, plaint or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record.

III. *And be it enacted*, That the Collector appointed as aforesaid shall be allowed ten pounds per cent. for collecting and paying in the rates and taxes as aforesaid.

CAP. III.

An ACT for the establishing a public School in the Town of Halifax.

Preamble.

WHEREAS every public attention to the education of youth is of the utmost importance in society, and whereas it is impracticable to procure a person sufficiently qualified for that purpose, without making a handsome and liberal provision for his easy support and maintenance :

Allowance for erecting a building in Halifax for a School.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, be granted for the purpose of erecting a proper and convenient building in the town of Halifax, for keeping a public School, which sum shall be raised in manner hereafter to be directed by the General Assembly.

Sum allowed to the master, and for assistance.

II. *And be it also enacted*, That a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds be annually granted in the estimate for the expences of government for the support of a School-master, and when the number of scholars shall exceed forty, that a further allowance of fifty pounds, yearly be included in the said estimate for the assistance of the said master in the support of an usher, which the said master shall in that case provide.

Appointment of Trustees, and their duty.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be annually appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province, five reputable persons as trustees and directors of the said school, one of which to be president, who are hereby empowered to make bye-laws and regulations for the said school, and who shall be incorporated for that purpose, to be enabled to sue and be sued, to hold grants of lands, and to receive donations for the endowment thereof.

Said Trustees to be accountable to the Legislature.

IV. *And be it also further enacted*, That the said trustees and directors shall be from time to time accountable to the Legislature of the Province for their conduct, and management of the property so to be vested in them.

Examination.

V. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and directors shall hold a public visitation and examination at said school twice every year, to wit, on the first Monday of May, and the first Monday of October annually.

CAP. IV.

An ACT in amendment of, and for continuing an Act made in the Nineteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for regulating Carriers, and Owners of Waggon, Carts and Trucks, employed for hire, on the Roads between Halifax and the Townships of Windsor, Truro, Onslow and Londonderry.

Expired.