

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 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 Sixth Day of June, Anno Domini 1778, in the Eighteenth Year of His Said Majesty's Reign, Being the Eleventh Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.*

18 George III – Chapter 5

**An Act to prevent the Forestalling, Regrating and Monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.**

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this act, whatsoever person or persons shall buy, or cause to be bought, any cord wood coming by land or water to the town of Halifax, to be sold again, except at the distance of ten miles from Halifax, or shall make any bargain, contract, or promise, or shall make any offer in any way or manner whatsoever, to any person or persons for the having or buying the same, or any part thereof, for the enhancing the price, or dearer selling any kind of cord wood coming by land or water, to Halifax aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every cord of wood so bought or received ten shillings per cord, over and above the price so given, or paid, upon conviction before two of His Majesty's justices of the peace, and be levied (in case of refusal of payment) by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, and be applied towards the support of the poor of the said township.

II. Provided nevertheless, that when the price of cord wood shall be at the rate of fifteen shillings per cord or under, any person or persons shall and may be at liberty to purchase cord wood to sell again, without incurring the penalties of this act.

III. And provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall extend to prevent the barrack master or persons employed by him from purchasing cord wood for the use of His Majesty's troops.