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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 Seventh Day of June, Anno Domini 1779, in the Nineteenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Twelfth 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.

19 George III – Chapter 2

An Act to prevent the spreading of Distempers among Horses and Cattle in this Province.

Whereas great damage and inconvenience may arise by the going at large of horses, mares, or geldings, and cattle, which are infected with diseases liable to be communicated to other horse kind or cattle:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the justices of the peace in each county or township, impowered to hold sessions of the peace, shall have power, and they are hereby directed, to make regulations for the preventing the going at large of infected horses, mares, geldings, and cattle, and the spreading of distempers among them, in manner as shall be most agreeable to the circumstances of such county, or the townships therein, and any person who shall transgress such regulations so made, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered on complaint or information before any two of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the county, wherein the offence shall be committed, or before the justices in the sessions held for such county or township, and be levied, on non-payment thereof, by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, and applied for the township wherein the offence shall be committed.