

*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 3

### **An Act to regulate abuses in the sale of Hides and Skins.**

Whereas notwithstanding the penalties to be inflicted by the laws of this Province, on Butchers or other persons, who shall gash, cut, split or flaw, the hides of cattle, calf or sheep, in flaying thereof, or otherwise, great abuses are daily committed to the great injury of the public:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the persons appointed searchers and sealers of leather, shall view every hide or skin of any cattle, calves or sheep, either in the slaughter-house or at the tanners, before the same shall be delivered on sale, and if he shall find the same to be gashed, cut, split or flawed, there shall be an allowance made in the price thereof to the buyer, as shall appear to the said searchers and sealers of leather to be just and equitable; and any butcher, or other person, who shall not call on the said searchers and sealers of leather to view such hides or skins before such sale, shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty shillings, for every such hide or skin not exposed to view as aforesaid, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, and be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels; one half thereof to be paid to the informer, or person suing for the same, and the other half to the poor of the place where the offence shall be committed.

II. And be it also enacted, that the said searchers and sealers of leather shall be paid for their trouble in viewing the said hides and skins, that is to say, for every ox, bull, steer or cow, hid, three pence, and for every calf or sheep skin one penny, and three pence per mile travel, to be paid by the seller.