

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.

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An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual, the several Laws of this Province, for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets.

Whereas by the third section of an act made in the fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act in addition to an Act, made in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An Act for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several townships in this province,'" it is enacted, "That in case damage shall be done to any person in his land or property, by the laying out particular and private ways, recompence shall be made by the town, as the surveyors of the highways, and the parties interested, may agree, or as shall be ordered by the justices in sessions, upon enquiry into the same by a jury to be summoned for that purpose." And whereas in cases where the surveyors of highways and parties have not agreed relating to the damages suffered, mistakes have happened in summoning the said jury of the town where such ways are laid out:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that in all cases, where, either private or public highways shall be laid out and any dispute shall arise between the parties concerned, and the surveyors of the highways, for the town where the same shall be laid out, or proposed to be laid out, relating to the damage suffered, or likely to be suffered by such parties, the same shall be determined by a jury to be ordered by the justices out of the next towns, who shall be sworn impartially to determine the same.

And whereas the surveyors of the highways do often take upon themselves, to alter roads, and the determination of the place or part of the town where the repairs of the streets or highways shall be made, to the great injury of such town in general:

II. Be it enacted, that the surveyors of highways shall not alter any roads or streets already laid out, nor make any repairs to the streets or highways in any town or township, but by the advice and consent of at least three justices of the peace.