

*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 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. 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 for the establishing a public School in the Town of Halifax.**

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:

- 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.
- II. And be it also enacted, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds be annually granted in the estimate for the expenses 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.