

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 Eleventh Day of June, Anno Domini 1781, in the Twenty-First Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Fourteenth 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 establish authenticated Copies of the Records of Council as legal Evidence.

Whereas many titles to land depend on votes of His Majesty's council, and many other proceedings in council, become oftentimes necessary evidence in suits at law; and whereas doubts is attended with great inconvenience; in order therefore to remedy the same:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that hereafter the transcript or copy of any vote or proceedings of His Majesty's Council, relating to titles of lands, attested as a true copy, and signed by the clerk of the council, shall be admitted and received as legal evidence in any cause depending in any of His Majesty's courts within this province; and the clerk of the council is hereby required and directed, upon the application of any of the parties at variance, or their attorney, to give an exact copy of all such proceedings, attested and signed by him, and that there shall be paid for the same, for every search, one shilling, for every authentic copy, signed by him, six shillings and eight pence, if under one hundred words, and for every hundred words more, at the rate of hone shilling for every one hundred words.