

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Sixth Day of June 1791, in the Thirty First Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Sixth Session of the Sixth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

May it please your Excellency.

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of his Majesty's province of Nova Scotia, towards appropriating the supplies granted to his Majesty in this session of General Assembly, and for supplying the exigencies of his Majesty's government of Nova Scotia, do humbly beseech, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Assembly, that by or out of such monies as now are, and from time to time shall be and remain in the public treasury of this province, there shall be paid and applied the sum of one hundred pounds to the speaker of the House of Assembly for his salary during the present year. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to the solicitor general for his services during the same year. And a further sum of three hundred and thirty pounds to the treasurer of the province for his salary during that year, and for the expence of his clerk and office rent, during the same year. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the council in General Assembly, for his services for the same year. And a further sum of thirty pounds for defraying the expences of the council in General Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the House of Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to the clerk of the crown for his attendance on the supreme court in all its sittings, and not otherwise, in the same year. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to Anthony Henry, printer for printing for government and the General Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum of thirty pounds to the keeper of the council chamber and House of Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum not exceeding one hundred and forty pounds to be paid by the commissioners of the revenue to the tide waiters of the port of Halifax, in such daily pay for their services in the same year, in such daily pay for their services in the same year, as said commissioners shall think fit. And a further sum of eighty pounds to the gauger and weigher employed in the same district of Halifax, for the same year, provided he resides in Halifax, and gives his attention to the duty of his office as gauger and weigher. And a further sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to be drawn by warrant or warrants on the treasury by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to defray such other contingent expences as may arise during the year aforesaid. And a further sum of one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two pence half penny to the agent of the

province, for his services for the same year. And a further sum of forty pounds to the messenger to the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and his Majesty's council, for his services for the same year. And a further sum not exceeding six hundred pounds to defray the contingent expences of the house of assembly during the present session, the same to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, on the certificate or certificates of the speaker of the House of Assembly, and not otherwise. And a further sum of thirty pounds to the speaker of the House of Assembly for fuel, servants, extra clerks and other incidents during the present session. And a further sum of ten pounds to the Reverend Wingate Weeks, for his attendance during the present session of General Assembly, as chaplain to his Majesty's council and the house of assembly. And a further sum of twelve pounds ten shillings to Adolphus Veith, for his services as serjeant at arms during the present session. And a further sum of ten pounds to Peter Etter, Senior, messenger to the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session. And a further sum of thirty pounds to the secretary of the province to defray the expence of his office rent for this present year. And a further sum of thirty pounds to the surveyor general of lands to defray the expence of his office to the clerk of the commissioners of the revenue for his services, for the same year. And a further sum of twenty five pounds to the clerk of the commissioners of the revenue for his services, for the same year aforesaid. And a further sum not exceeding thirty-five pounds to Anthony Henry, for stationary supplied for the last session of General Assembly. And a further sum of fifty five pounds eleven shillings and one penny farthing to Elizabeth Amelia Belcher, for her pension agreeable to the former resolution of the Governor, Council and Assembly. And a further sum of two hundred pounds to the justices in their sessions for the town of Halifax, to enable them to send to their legal place of settlement such distressed strangers and poor persons as from time to time resort to said town or for such other expences as may be incurred in consequence of such distressed persons coming to the said town of Halifax, the expenditure thereof to be accounted for to the committee of public accounts. And a further sum of forty pounds to be paid to a guager and waiter for the district of Shelburne, for the same year. And a further sum of ten pounds to the secretary of the province, for stationary on account of the warrants to be drawn on the treasury for the service of the same year. And a further sum of one hundred and twenty pounds twelve shillings and eight pence to pay the expences which have been incurred in furnishing the House of Assembly, the same to be distributed by the speaker to such tradesman as have demands on that account. And a further sum of twenty five pounds to be paid to the person who has the care of the gunpowder in Halifax. And a further sum of one hundred pounds to be paid to David Seabury, William Winniett, John Rice, and Dowie Ditmas with a warrant on the treasury, to be dated prior to the first day of July in the present year, which warrant the commissioners appointed by an act passed this session to fund the debt due by the province, and to raise a capitation tax, are hereby authorized to fund agreeably to the provisions contained in said act.

I. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant on the treasury such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expences that may arise

during the present year, in maintaining prisoners committed to the county goal of Halifax, and not by law chargeable to the county, and also for the expence in bringing them to said goal.

II. And be it further enacted, that there shall be allowed and paid to the collector or collectors of impost and excise out of all and singular the duties respectively collected by them and paid into the treasury of the province, that is to say, to defray the charges of collection in the district of Halifax, six pounds and no more, on every hundred pounds there collected and paid, and ten pounds and no more on every hundred pounds collected and paid at all and every the other districts and out ports in this province, which several allowances shall be in lieu of all fees, perquisites and allowances whatever.

III. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to pay out of the treasury of the province, to the coroners of the different counties the sum of thirty shillings for every inquest taken on any dead body and properly returned to the clerk of the crown, such sum to be applied by the coroner for the interment of such dead body; and any further charge attending such inquest shall be paid by the county in which the same shall be taken.

IV. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint a fit and proper person as a waiter and gauger in each of the ports and districts of this province (Halifax and Shelburne excepted) who shall be paid five pounds for every hundred pounds of net revenue collected in such port or district (except as before excepted) and paid into the treasury. Provided always, and it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the revenue to allow the collectors of impost and excise in any district or districts of the province (Halifax, Shelburne and Annapolis excepted) to discharge and execute the duty of waiter and guager, and to receive the pay of guager.

V. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw warrants on the treasury for all such sums of money as are appointed by the perpetual laws of the province, to be paid to the justices of the supreme court, college, school and rent for public buildings.

VI. And be it further enacted, that all warrants which the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, shall draw on the treasury of this province for any sum or sums of money for the services aforesaid, such warrant or warrants shall entitle the person in whose favor it shall be drawn or the person to whom the same may be transferred to receive cash at the treasury. Provided always nevertheless, that it shall on no account whatsoever be lawful for the treasurer to pay any warrant or warrants whatsoever unless the same shall have been entered in the treasury of the province, at least ten days prior to the payment of the same, and shall be countersigned by the treasurer.

VII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons having a demand or demands on this province for any service or services, or on any account whatsoever to demand and receive separate warrants for the same in any sum not under five pounds at the option or choice of such person or persons at the secretary's office of the province free from any fee, cost or charge whatsoever and the secretary of the province or his clerk shall transmit monthly to the treasurer of the province as exact account of the warrants drawn on the treasury specifying in such account the amount thereof and the names of the person or persons in whose favor the same shall be drawn together with the service or services for which such warrant or warrants shall be granted.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that the treasurer of the province shall compel the collectors of the revenue to pay in cash into the treasury the full amount of their collections, and shall keep in his hands a sufficient sum of money to pay all interest certificates which shall be granted by the commissioners after the first day of August next, pursuant to an act passed in the twenty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign for funding the province debt, and the said treasurer shall on no account whatsoever pay any other demand on the treasury unless he has at the time of paying such demand cash sufficient in his hands to pay off and discharge all the interest as it shall become due on the debt funded by virtue of the before mentioned act, it being the true intent and meaning of this clause, that all interest certificates which the commissioners shall grant for the interest, which shall grow due on said debt after the said first day of August next, shall be paid in preference to all other demands whatsoever on the treasury.

And whereas the sums of money which have been expended to support the province poor have been more than the province can afford for purposes of that kind.

IX. Be it therefore enacted, that after the seventh day of this present month July, there shall be no person or persons whatsoever received into the poor house in Halifax or elsewhere to be maintained out of the revenue of the province, and it shall not be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw any warrant or warrants on the treasury for the support or maintenance of persons of that description, save only such warrants as he is authorized to draw by virtue of an act passed this session, intituled, "An Act to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now maintained at the Province Expence."

X. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the several officers of the government who have salaries provided for them by this act, for the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, shall be paid at the same rate for such part of the ensuing year as shall have expired before the next meeting of the General Assembly, and it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw warrants on the treasury for that purpose.