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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.

31 George III – Chapter 1

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, "An Act for rating and levying the Expences attending the executing Writs of Partition."

Whereas the said act is found insufficient for the recovery of the charges, and expenses, attending the executing writs of partition, from proprietors not resident on their lands, and having no goods or chattles thereon; for remedy whereof,

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that where any non-resident proprietor, shall refuse, or neglect to pay, his, or their proportion or proportions, of the assessment or assessments made conformable to the said Act, it shall and may be lawful, upon petition of the collector or receiver of such assessment to the Supreme Court, setting forth such refusal or neglect to direct a sale to be made at public auction to the highest bidder, of so much of such non-resident proprietors lands, as shall be sufficient to pay their several proportions of such assessment, together with the charges arising from such sale and partitions as aforesaid, and good and sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance of the lands so sold to be made and executed by, and in the name of the sheriff of the county where such lands lie, reasonable means having been previously used by the said court, according to its discretion for the ascertaining of such proprietor, and for the enabling him by due notice to prevent the necessity of such sale by satisfying the said charges and expences, with the costs attending such inquiry and notice as aforesaid.