

*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, to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now maintained at the Province Expence.**

Whereas by an act passed in this present session, it is enacted that no persons shall in future be received into the poor house at Halifax, to be maintained at the expence of the province; and whereas it is necessary to provide for the support of such persons as have been heretofore provided for by the province.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the seventh day of the present month of July, all the persons who are maintained on the account of the province under the denomination of transient poor, shall be maintained and supported by the town of Halifax, and to enable the said town to support and maintain them.

II. Be it further enacted, that the sum of fifteen hundred pounds be granted and applied to the town of Halifax at such times, and in such proportions as hereinafter is expressed and directed, which sum of fifteen hundred pounds is, and shall be in full of all demands, that the said town of Halifax, shall hereafter have on account of any transient or other poor whatever, that now are, or shall be chargeable to the province on the said seventh day of July, and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to draw warrants on the treasury in favor of the justices in their sessions for the county of Halifax, for the said sum of fifteen hundred pounds, the same to be paid at the rate of three hundred pounds shall be paid off and discharged, each yearly payment of three hundred pounds to be drawn for, at such times, and in such sums as the said justices in their said sessions shall from time to time require. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to oblige the said justices in their sessions to pay any expence, which has been incurred for the maintenance of said poor persons, prior to said seventh day of July.

III. And be it further enacted, that the treasurer of the province is hereby authorized to pay out of the treasury the said sum of three hundred pounds yearly, and no more, until the whole of the said sum of fifteen hundred pounds shall be paid off and discharged.