

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 regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Colchester, and to enable the Grand Juries in the said District to assess Monies for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Goal in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District.

Whereas it is necessary for the administration of justice, and the execution of the law within the district of Colchester, that a court house and goal be erected within said district.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that the justices in their general sessions, to be held in the said district of Colchester, and the grand juries, who shall be duly returned, sworn, and impannelled for the same, shall, and may, from time to time exercise all the power and authorities within the same district, within respect to building and repairing court houses, goals and bridges, making and repairing roads therein, and assessing monies for the same, and other necessary purposes, which of right the justices and grand juries respectively, in the several counties within this province, may or ought by law to exercise within such counties.

II. And be it also enacted, that the freeholders and inhabitants of said district of Colchester, shall be exempted from serving on grand or petty juries at inferior court of common pleas or general sessions of the peace in any place within the county of Halifax, except the district of Colchester.

III. And be it further enacted, that the bounds or limits of the said district of Colchester, shall be as follows, to wit, bounded northerly and westerly on the county of Cumberland, King's and Hants counties, to the junction of Gay's river, with Shebenaccadie River [Shubenacadie River]; thence up said Gay's River to Halifax Road, thence running east to the line of Sydney county, thence north, bounded on said county to the Gulph of St. Lawrence, thence north westerly, bounded on said Gulph, to the line of Cumberland county.

And whereas it is found necessary, that a court of general sessions of the peace and inferior court of common pleas, should be held in the township of Pictou in said district.

IV. Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said court of general sessions of the peace and inferior court of common pleas, shall be held in, and for said district at the following times and places, to wit, at Onslow on the first Tuesday of January, at Walmsley in the township of Pictou on the first Tuesday of April, at Onslow on the first

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Tuesday of July, and at Walmsley aforesaid on the first Tuesday of October annually, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.