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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 9

An Act, to impower His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court to require, and take Bail from Persons removing or brining up Causes from Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court.

Whereas the issuing writs of certiorari or habeas corpus cum causa, to bring up causes and parties from the inferior courts within this province subject to no terms or conditions on the part of the person or persons suing out the same may be attended with great inconvenience.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication hereof no cause commenced in any of the inferior courts of common pleas or other inferior courts in this province, shall be removed by any writ or writs of habeas corpus cum causa or certiorari into His Majesty's Supreme Court, or before a judge thereof by the person or persons applying for, and purchasing out such writ or writs to abide, fulfill and perform the final judgment of the said Supreme Court in the cause or causes so removed.

II. And be it further enacted, that previous to the issuing of such writ or writs, the Justice of the said Supreme Court, who has taken the surety as aforesaid shall indorse on the back of the writ the amount for which surety is taken with the names of the surety or surities, and shall also signify his assent to the issuing the said writ by indorsing his allowance thereof, with the day and date it was allowed, and his signature thereto.