

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province of *Nova-Scotia*, begun and holden at HALIFAX, on the Fifth Day of December, 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Fifth Day of March, 1789, in the Twenty Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Sixth *General Assembly*, convened in the said Province.

## C A P. I.

An ACT for continuing and amending the several Acts for fupreffing unlicensed Houfes, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed.

*HERE AS* it is expedient that some Alteration in the Duty on Licensed Houfes as well as the Manner in which Licences have been heretofore granted should be made.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Persons selling Rum, Brandy, Wine, Ale, Cyder or other strong Liquors, mixed or unmixed, shall in One Month from and after the publication hereof, apply for and take out a new Licence in the Manner prescribed in the several Acts continued and amended by this Act. *Provided* always, that such Licence shall not be granted to the Person applying for the same, until he, she or they shall pay down, and advance one Quarter Part of the yearly Duty to be paid for such Licence.

Persons selling Rum &c. to take a new Licence in one Month, as prescribed in the former Laws, for which one fourth of the yearly duty is to be paid in advance.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall sell or vend any of the before mentioned strong Liquors mixed or unmixed, before he, she or they shall have taken out a new

Persons selling Liquors, before they have taken a new Licence, or neglect-

ing to advance the Duty ten days before the End of each quarter to be subject to the Penalties imposed on those who sell without Licence.

Licence, as before directed, or shall omit for Ten Days after the End of each Quarter of a Year, to pay to the Collector or Clerk of the Licences the said Quarter Part of the said yearly Duty in Advance, such Person or Persons shall be subject to all and every the Penalties imposed on Persons selling strong Liquors without Licence, as prescribed in the said several Acts hereby amended and continued.

Persons having a Tavern Licence, to pay £6. yearly in quarterly payments.

Shopkeepers taking a Licence, to pay £3. annually in Quarterly payments.

Provided that if such Shopkeepers, shall sell less than a Quart, or suffer it to be drank in their Houses or Shops, they shall be liable to the Penalties imposed for selling without Licence.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That in One Month from and after the Publication hereof, all Persons who shall have a Tavern Licence to retail Rum, Brandy, Wine, Ale, Cyder, or other strong Liquors, shall pay to the Clerk or the Collector of Licences for the District or County, wherein such Person shall dwell, the full Sum of Six Pounds yearly, the same to be paid quarterly three Months in Advance, under the Penalty before mentioned; and every Person who shall keep a Shop for selling Goods, Wares and Merchandize, and shall take out a Licence to sell Rum, Brandy, Wine, Ale, Cyder and other strong Liquors, shall pay the Sum of Three Pounds for such Licence yearly, and every Year, the same to be paid in quarterly Payments, one Quarter in advance under the Penalties aforesaid. *Provided* always, that if such Person so taking out a Shop Licence shall sell or vend any Quantity of Rum, Brandy, Wine, Ale, Cyder or other strong Liquors, less than One Quart, or shall on any Account permit or suffer the same to be drank or consumed in his or their Shop or House, such Person or Persons so offending shall suffer all the Penalties, which Persons selling strong Liquors of any kind without Licence are liable to suffer by Virtue of the several Acts hereby amended and continued.

Justices in Sessions to grant Tavern Licences, not exceeding five within the County free of Charge, and not exceeding five more at 40s. each, and to take the free Licences away and grant them to others as they may see fit.

Number not to exceed Ten in a County.

IV. *And for the better providing for the Entertainment of Persons travelling through the Province, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in their Sessions to grant Tavern Licence to any number, not exceeding five Persons, within their County or District free of any Charge or Expence whatsoever, and also to grant Tavern Licence to any number not exceeding five more Persons within their County or District, for which Licence, such Person or Persons shall pay the Sum of Forty Shillings only for each and every Year, to be paid and collected as aforesaid, and it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices in their Sessions to take such free Licences from the Persons to whom they may grant them, and to grant the same from time to time to others, as they shall see fit. *Provided* the number thereof shall not exceed Ten in any one County or District.

Clerk of Licences, to take for his fees 2s. 6d. only, and to have 7½ per. cent. on the Collection.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That the Clerk of Licences or Collector of each County or District, shall take and receive for a Licence, Bond, and all Charges in, and about the taking out of a Licence, the sum of two Shillings and six Pence only, and shall receive a Commission of

of Seven and a half per Centum on all Monies which he shall collect and pay.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Act for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed, and the several Acts in Addition to or Amendment or Alteration thereof, which have not been amended or altered by this Act, shall be continued in full Force, and the same together with this Act are hereby continued in full Force, until the thirty first Day of March, which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety.

Former Laws respecting Licences, not hereby repealed or altered to be continued in force with this Act to 31st March 1790.

## C A P. II.

An ACT for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province by laying an Impost Duty on all Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

*WHEREAS* by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Twenty-Eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Trade between the Subjects of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America and in the West India Islands and the Countries belonging to the United States of America, and between His Majesty's said Subjects and the Foreign Islands in the West Indies certain Articles therein enumerated, may be allowed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or the Commander in Chief for the Time being by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council to be imported into this Province for a limited Time from any of the Territories belonging to the aforesaid United States, for the supply of the Inhabitants of this Province, provided such Goods and Commodities so authorized to be imported, shall not be imported except by British Subjects and in British built Ships owned by His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law; and whereas it may be expedient and necessary to authorize the Importation of many of those enumerated Articles for some time to come, nevertheless for the Encouragement of the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, to raise and procure those Commodities within the Province.*

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That from and after the Publication hereof, all Articles so imported under the Authority of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council from any of the *United States of America*, shall pay a Duty of Ten per Cent. ad valorem, to be levied and received by the

Articles imported from the States or of America, to pay ten per cent. Duty on the Invoice price, certain goods excepted.

Collectors