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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 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.

29 George III – Chapter 12

An Act to provide for the better Support of the Puisne Judges of His Majesty's Supreme Court.

Whereas the independence and uprightness of the Judges are essential to the impartial administration of justice and has ever been considered as one of the best securities of the rights and liberties of the subject, in order therefore to make a suitable provision for such appointment and establish the permanency thereof.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that there shall be paid annually to the two puisne judges of the Supreme Court, during their continuance in office and residence in the province, the sum of four hundred pounds currency, each, which said sum shall be paid out of the public monies in the treasury by warrant from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being on the treasurer thereof.

II. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to change the nature of His Majesty's commissions to such judges, but the puisne judges shall be removed at the pleasure of His Majesty, or upon the joint address of the council and assembly to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.