

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.

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An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-nine, and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, and for funding the Province Debt.

May it please your Excellency,

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the House of Assembly of His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, towards appropriating the supplies granted to His Majesty in this session of the General Assembly, and for supplying the exigencies of His Majesty's government of Nova-Scotia, and for funding the debt due by the Province, do humbly beseech, it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the first day of July next, all debts, dues and demands, of what kind of nature soever (except for interest) which are and shall be due and owing from the treasury of this province to any person or persons whatsoever, the same and every part thereof shall be funded and secured upon the faith and credit of this province, and after the same shall be funded and secured in the manner herein after directed, the sum and sums of money so due and owing shall bear interest at the rate of six pounds per centum per annum, which interest shall be paid duly punctually to the debt so to be funded and secured, the same be proprietors of any part of the debt so to be funded and secured, the same to be paid in equal half yearly payments, and so to continue until the principal shall be paid off and discharged.

II. And the better to accomplish the foregoing purposes, be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the persons who the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief shall appoint commissioners of the revenue, to advertise in the Royal Nova-Scotia Gazette for at least two months, before the said first day of July next, for all persons who have any just demands on the treasury of this province, to deliver in the same at the treasury, and such person or persons as shall neglect to deliver in their demands at the time so appointed, shall be precluded from having his or their debt funded under and by virtue of this act until the end of the next six months, when it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners to liquidate and settle all such debts and demands as shall be brought in at that time, in the same manner as specified to be done with the debts brought in previous to the first day of July next; and it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners, immediately after the said first day of July next, to proceed to liquidate the several demands which shall be brought into the treasury as aforesaid, and to ascertain the sum which shall be justly due to each person on their several and respective securities, both for principal and interest; and it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to

deliver to each person, having demands as aforesaid, a certificate, specifying the full amount of the principal sum due to such persons, which certificate shall likewise specify that such person or the persons to whom such certificate shall be legally transferred, in the manner to be directed by said commissioners, shall be entitled to receive the full amount of his or their debt or demand from the treasury of this province, together with lawful interest as aforesaid, until the principal shall be paid, and said commissioners shall cause a regular stock book to be opened in which the names of all stockholders and the sums due to them shall be fairly entered, and in which all transfers of stock shall likewise be entered, and said commissioners after having liquidated the interest due on said debts up to the said first day of July next, it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners to grant to each proprietor a certificate of the amount of the interest due to him on his debt as aforesaid, and at the end of every six months after the said first day of July to grant to each proprietor respectively a certificate of the interest due on such proprietors stock, which interest certificates shall entitle the proprietor or person to whom such proprietor shall endorse the same, to receive on demand cash at the treasury for the full amount thereof, and such interest certificates shall be received at the treasury and by every collector or receiver of any provincial revenue tax or duty as cash in payment of any debt or demand due and owing to them respectively for and on behalf of the province of Nova-Scotia.

III. And be it further enacted, that any person or persons who shall forge or counterfeit any stock certificate or interest certificate, or shall make any false or counterfeit transfer or endorsement thereof, with intention to defraud the government, or any person or persons whatsoever, such person or persons so offending shall, if duly convicted, suffer death without benefit of clergy.

IV. And be it further enacted, that at the end of every six months, whatever sum or sums of money shall be in the treasury over and above what shall be sufficient to pay off the current demands thereon, such overplus shall be immediately applied by said commissioners to pay off part of the principal sum to be funded as aforesaid, and before said commissioners proceed to pay off any part of said principal sum, they shall advertise for at least one month the sum to be paid off, and shall offer to pay the same to such stockholders as will sell their stock to government at the lowest rates, and shall receive proposals from such proprietors sealed which shall be publicly opened at the end of the month, and the stock of such person or persons as shall offer to sell at the lowest rate shall be purchased in by such commissioners for account of government, so far as the sum to be paid off will go for that purpose.

V. And be it further enacted, that all warrants which the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall after the first day of July next, draw on the Treasury of this Province for any sum or sums or money for the current service of the ensuing twelve months such warrant or warrants shall entitle the person in whose favor the same shall be drawn or the person to whom the same may be transferred to receive cash at the treasury for the amount thereof, but no interest, and such warrant or warrants shall be

received as cash by all collectors or receivers of provincial duties or taxes payable to his Majesty within the province.

VI. And be it further enacted, that by or out of such monies as now are and from time to time shall be and remain in the public treasury of this province, there shall be paid and supplied to the two assistant justices of the Supreme Court for their salaries for the present year, the sum of £800, in lieu of all fees and perquisites whatever. And a further sum of £100. to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for his salary during the same year. And a further sum of £100. to the solicitor general, for his services during the same year. And a further sum of £400. to the treasurer of the province, for his salary during that year, and for the expence of his clerk of his clerk and office rent, during the same year. And a further sum of £100. to the clerk of the council in General Assembly, for his services for the same year. And a further sum of £30. for defraying the expences of the council in General Assembly, for the same year; and a further sum of £100. to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the same year; and a further sum of £100. to the clerk of the crown, for his attendance on the Supreme Court, in all its sittings and not otherwise for the same year. And a further sum of £80. to Anthony Henry printer, for printing for the Government and the General Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum of thirty pounds to the keeper of the council chamber and House of Assembly, for the same year. And a further sum not exceeding £140. to be paid by the commissioners of the revenue to the tide waiters of the port of Halifax, in such daily pay for their services as said commissioners shall think fit. And a further sum of £80. to the gauger and weigher, employed in the same district of Halifax, for the same year provided he resides in Halifax, and gives his attention to his duty of his office as gauger and weigher. And a further sum of £450. to be drawn by warrant or warrants on the treasury by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to defray such other contingent expences as may arise, during the year aforesaid. And a further sum of one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two pence half penny to the agent of the province, for his services for the same year aforesaid. And a further sum of £100. to the keeper of the light house at Sambro Island within the port of Halifax, aforesaid, for his services for the same year. And a further sum of £40. to the messenger to the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and His Majesty's Council for his services for the same year. And a further sum not exceeding £600. to defray the contingent expences of the General Assembly during the present session, the same to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being on the certificate or certificates of the speaker of the House of Assembly, and the secretary of the province, and not otherwise. And a further sum of £30. to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, to defray the expences incurred during the present session for fuel, servants and other incidents. And a further sum of ten pounds to the Reverend. Wingate Weeks, for his attendance during the present session of General Assembly, as Chaplain to the House of Assembly. And a further sum of £10. to Peter Etter, senior messenger to the House of Assembly, for his attendance during this session. And a further sum of £200. to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, which he has agreed to accept in lieu of the fees taken by him on causes brought to the court, or there pending for the same year aforesaid. And a further sum of £30. to the secretary of province, to defray the expence of his office rent, for this

present year. And a further sum of £30. to the surveyor general of lands, to defray the expence of his office rent, for the year aforesaid. And a further sum of £63.5.10. to Phineas Lovet, Senr. Esq; in full for militia services, performed in the county of Annapolis. And a further sum of £810.9.2. to Messieurs Thomas, James, and William Cochran, in full of their demand on Government. And a further sum of £45. to James Morden, Esq; to be applied to compleat the road leading from the Annapolis Road to the Bay of Fundy. And a further sum of £38.8.9. to John Lawson, in full of his demand on Government. And a further sum of £110.8 1/3. to John Blake, in full of his demand on Government. And a further sum of £50. to William Cotnam Tonge, as a premium, for his spirited exertions in the culture of hemp. And a further sum of ten shillings per ton being the bounty due on the brigantine Royal Charlotte, the same to be paid on the commissioner's certificate to such person as shall appear to them entitled to receive the same. And a further sum of £20 to Nathan Davison, in full of his demand in Government, and a further sum of £19.19.6. to Anthony Henry, for stationary supplied for the last session of General Assembly.

VII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to draw by warrant on the treasury from time to time such money as may be necessary to defray the expences of maintaining prisoners committed to the county goal of Halifax, and not by law chargeable to the county, and also for the support and maintenance of such transient poor in the poor house at Halifax as are not by law, chargeable on the said county the expenditure of such sums to be accounted for before the committee of public accounts.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that there shall be allowed and paid to the collector or collectors of impost and excise, out of all and singular the duties respectively collected by them and paid into the treasury of this province, that is to say, to defray the charges of collection in the district of Halifax, six pounds and no more on every hundred pounds there collected and paid, and ten pounds and no more on every hundred pounds collected and paid at all and every the other district and out ports in this province, which several allowances shall be in lieu of all fees perquisites and expences whatever.

IX. And be it further enacted, that payment of all such sum or sums of money as have been granted for public works of any kind heretofore shall be suspended, provided such sum or sums of money have not actually been laid out and expended before the publication hereof.

X. And be it further enacted, that there shall be paid and allowed to Robert Collins, a further sum of £121.17.4. in full of his demand on government. And a further sum of £29.8.10. to William Lawlor, full of his demand on Government. And a further sum of £283.16. to William Lee, in full of his demand on Government; And a further sum of £12.10. to Joshua Smith, a a premium for having manufactured and brought to market two tons and a half of pot ash. And a further sum not exceeding £100. to be applied to the repair of the present House of Assembly, the same to be laid out under the direction of commissioners to be appointed by the Governor. And a further sum not exceeding £500. to finish and compleat the light house at the harbour of Shelburne, to be expended by commissioners to

be appointed by the Governor. And a further sum of £25. to such person as the Governor, shall appoint to take care of the gun-powder belonging to the Town of Halifax.

XI. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to pay out of the treasury of the province to the coroners of the different counties, the sum of thirty shillings for every inquest taken on any dead body and properly returned to the clerk of the crown, such sum to be applied by the coroner to the interment of such dead body, and any further charge attending such inquest shall be paid by the county in which the same shall be taken.

XII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint a fit and proper person as a waiter and guager in each of the out ports and districts of this province, who shall be paid five pounds for every hundred pounds of net revenue collected in such port or district and paid into the treasury.