

*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 4

**An Act, for founding, establishing and maintaining a College in this Province.**

Whereas the permanent establishment and effectual support of a college at Windsor, may by the blessing of God, become of the greatest public utility to this Province, and to His Majesty's neighbouring colonies;

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that a sum not exceeding four hundred and forty four pounds, eight shillings and ten pence half penny current money of Nova-Scotia, equal to four hundred pounds sterling money of Great Britain, shall be yearly, and every year granted, allowed and paid by, from, or out of such monies as may from time to time be collected and paid into the public treasury of this province from the duties imposed or to be imposed on brown and load or refined sugars; and in case such duties are not sufficient to answer the said sum at the days and time of payment thereof; then by, from, or out of any other aids, supplies or taxes not otherwise specially appropriated to other uses; which sum of four hundred and forty-four pounds, eight shillings, and ten pence half penny, shall be drawn by warrant, under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, on the provincial treasurer in the way usually practised in equal quarterly payments; the first quarter to commence the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, and to be drawn for on the first of April, and so on from quarter to quarter, as the same shall grow due, on the requisition of the Governors of the said college or the major part of them as herein after appointed, for or towards the maintenance and support of the said college, and the payment of the salaries of the president and professors to be by them appointed.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the Governor, Commander in Chief of the Province of Nova-Scotia for the time being, the Lieutenant Governor for the time being; the Bishop of Nova-Scotia for the time being; the Chief Justice for the time being; the Secretary of the province for the time being; the speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being; His Majesty's attorney general for the time being; and His Majesty's solicitor general for the time being; shall be Governors of the said college.

III. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that for the better management and regulation of the said college, and the more full and compleat executing the purposes of this act, the said governors hereby appointed, shall be a body politick and corporate in deed, and name, and have succession for ever by the name of "the Governors of King's College of Nova-Scotia." and they, or the major part of them, shall have power to have and use a

common seal to be appointed by themselves, and to make bye laws and ordinances for the regulation and general management of the said college, and to assemble together, when and where, and as often and upon such notice as to them shall seem meet, for the execution of the trust hereby reposed in them; and shall also have full power and capacity to purchase, receive, take, hold, and enjoy for the use and benefit of the said college, and the purposes of this act, as well goods and chattles, as lands, tenements and hereditaments; any law or statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the governors of the said college so appointed and incorporated by this Act, or such major part of them at any general meeting assembled, shall from time to time, and as they shall think fit, make and establish such statues, rules and ordinances for the instruction, care and government of the students, and for the care and preservation of the books, furniture and other property belonging to the said college as to them shall seem meet, and shall and may in like manner nominate and appoint the president and professors (the president always to be a clergyman of the established Church of England, duly qualified for that office) to whom the tuition of the students in the said college shall be committed; and also to appoint such officers and servants from time to time, as the said Governors or such major part of them may think necessary, and assign to them respectively out of the said sum of four hundred and forty-four pounds, eight shillings and ten pence half penny annually granted by this act, such salaries and allowances as they shall think fit; and shall and may in like manner suspend or remove the president, professors, officers and servants, or any or either of them for misbehaviour or neglect of duty; and no president or professor, officer, or servant of the said college, unless in cases of sickness, shall absent themselves from their respective duties without the express leave of the governors or the majority of them, who are hereby authorized to appoint a deputy or deputies to fill the office of such president or professor in such cases, and to appropriate a part or the whole of the salary of the president or professor absent as aforesaid, for the payment of such deputy.

V. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that besides the four hundred and forty-four pounds, eight shillings and ten pence half penny hereby annually granted for the purposes of the said college, it shall and may be lawful for the governor or lieutenant governor or commander in chief, at the requisition of such major part of the governors of the said college to draw by warrant from the treasury of this province, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, to enable them to purchase such house, lot of ground and premisses in the township of wind or as they may chuse and think requisite, and proper for the purpose of founding and establishing of such college.

VI. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said governors to provide a person well and sufficiently qualified to act as a temporary president, and also a person or persons well and sufficiently qualified, to act as temporary professors, who shall be immediately employed in the education of youth, and the said governors shall and may continue to apply such parts or shares of the said sum herein before granted for the payment and support of such temporary establishment until a sufficient building shall be

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erected, and a charter obtained from our Most Gracious Sovereign to authorize the opening of such college in due form.