

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of March, 1793, in the Thirty-Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the First Session of the Seventh General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.

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An Act to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to administer an Oath, or Affirmation if Quakers, to such Persons as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers in measuring Lands.

Whereas the surveyor general of lands has ordered his deputies not to proceed on the survey of lands, until the chain men, to be employed under him for that purpose, have been sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty. And whereas it frequently happens, that persons employed as chain bearers in laying out lands, are under the necessity of travelling a great distance, in order to have an oath administered to them, by some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, previous to their, the said chain bearers, proceeding to assist in laying out such lands, which is attended with expence and inconvenience for remedy whereof:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this act, it shall and may be lawful for all surveyors who are, or may be appointed by the surveyor general of lands, as his deputies, where there is no justice of the peace within two miles of the place, where any survey is to be made, to administer an oath, or affirmation, as the case may require, to their chain men, before they proceed upon the same, that they will well and truly perform that service, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and according to the directions they shall receive from the said deputy surveyor or surveyors.

II. And be it further enacted, that no justice of the peace, shall exact or take any fee or reward for administering any oath, provided for by this law.