

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of March, 1793, and continued by several Prorogations to the Seventh day of June, 1799; in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George The Third of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, being the Seventh, and last, 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 in amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground, if necessary, to erect a Public Building for the accommodation of the General Assembly, Court of Chancery, Supreme Court, and Court of Admiralty, and Public Offices, and for procuring Plans and Estimates for a Building hereafter to be erected for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being."

Whereas by the aforesaid act it is provided, that there shall be erected a range of Public Buildings, for the sittings of the general assembly, and courts of justice, and for the public offices, and also a Government-House, for accommodations of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and by the said act it is intended, that the said range of public buildings shall be first erected: and whereas the present government-house is in so ruinous a condition, as to be unfit for the residence of the Governor, or Commander-in-Chief of this province, whereby it becomes more immediately necessary, to proceed to the erection of a house suitable for his reception and accommodation:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the erecting of the range of public buildings, for the sittings of the general assembly and courts of justice, and of the public offices, and conveniences, on the lot of ground purchased for the said range of public buildings, or on the ground which may be purchased contiguous thereto, for the accommodation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, which house, when erected, shall be called the Government House of the province of Nova-Scotia, and shall be appropriated for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the province of Nova Scotia, for the time being; and to no other use and purpose whatsoever.

II. 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 nominate and appoint other commissioners in the room and place of such of the commissioners nominated in the said act, whose offices have become, or shall hereafter become vacant, by death, resignation or removal, and the persons so appointed, together with those appointed by the said act, and continuing in their office, shall be commissioners for building the said Government House.

III. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to employ and use, in the building of the government house hereby authorised to be erected, such parts of the materials already contracted for, or purchased for, the intended range of public buildings, as they may find necessary, and to sell and dispose of such other parts of the said materials as may not be wanted for the said Government House: and the monies, thence arising, shall be applied, by the said commissioners, to and for the uses of the said Government House.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners, or the major part of them, with the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, may and shall determine upon, and purchase, such and so many lots of ground in the town of Halifax, contiguous to the said lot of ground lately purchased for the range of public buildings, as may be sufficient and suitable whereon to erect a house for the accommodation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being. Provided always, that the purchase money of such lots do not exceed the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds. And provided also, that the whole expense of building, and fully completing the said Government-House within, and without, with all the suitable conveniences, shall not exceed the further sum of five thousand four hundred pounds.