

Michaelmas day happening on a Sunday, choice to be made the following day.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever it shall happen that Michaelmas day in any year, shall fall upon a Sunday, it shall be lawful for the Minister of any Parish in this Province to adjourn such parish meeting to the following day, on which day the said parishioners shall and may proceed to the choice of parish officers as aforesaid. And of every such adjournment the several Ministers shall give due notice in their respective Churches.

## CAP. VII.

### An ACT for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province.

Grand Juries in the several counties and districts, in Session to present the number of Pounds requisite in each township, and Justices to appoint one of their own bench to see them made.

**B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Juries in each of the several counties and districts in this Province at the General Sessions of the Peace, held for such county or district, to present from time to time the number of Pounds that may be necessary for each township or settlement in such county or district, specifying, if need be, the particular division of such township or settlement within which such Pound or Pounds shall be erected; and for every Pound, so to be presented, the said Justices shall nominate one fit person, who shall be Commissioner for the receiving proposals for the building of such Pound or Pounds, and for superintending and directing the same, and all such proposals shall be laid by every such Commissioner before the said Justices at their next ensuing Sessions; and, being approved of by them, and the site of such Pound being then and there determined upon, the said Commissioner shall proceed to enter into contracts for the erecting such Pound accordingly; and every such Commissioner shall continue in office until the Pound, committed to his superintendance, shall be built, and shall be reported to the Court of Sessions of the Peace, and approved of by them, as completed according to contract.

On the neglect of Grand Juries to present the sums necessary for that purpose, Justices authorized to do it.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That if the Grand Juries for the respective counties and districts in this Province, shall neglect to present to the said Justices at their said Sessions, the sums of money necessary to be raised and paid by the inhabitants of the respective townships for the building or repairing of such Pounds, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices to amerce the inhabitants of the township in which such Pound or Pounds is or are to be built and repaired, in such sums of money as shall be found necessary for the purposes aforesaid; and all sums to be raised by any such presentment or amercement, shall be assessed on the inhabitants of such township in a just and equal manner by the sworn assessors, who shall from time to time be appointed to assess the county rates of such township; and such assessment shall be collected by the persons appointed to collect other town or county charges within the same limits, and shall be paid into the hands of the county or district Treasurer, and applied solely to the uses for which such money shall have been raised.

AND WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace in small trespasses committed by horses and cattle, and in cases of replevin, where the damage committed does not exceed the value of three pounds, has not been taken away by an Act of the General Assembly, made in the thirtieth year of His present Majesty's reign:

Justices of Peace in the Counties and Districts of this Province, to have jurisdiction in trespasses, when the damage does not exceed three pounds.

III. *Be it therefore enacted,* That the Justices of the Peace for the several counties and districts of this Province, shall have jurisdiction within their respective counties and districts, over causes of trespass, and replevins for trespasses, committed by horses, sheep, goats, swine or neat cattle, where the damage shall not exceed three pounds, and where the title to any lands, tenements or hereditaments shall in no wise be involved, or come in question, and shall proceed therein in manner prescribed by the first section of an Act, made in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for preventing trespasses," and also by an Act, made in the

twenty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, in amendment of the said last mentioned Act."

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That the eleventh section of the said Act for preventing trespasses, by which a penalty of ten shillings is imposed upon the owner of any horse breaking into any inclosure, lawfully fenced, within the peninsula of Halifax, shall be, and is hereby, extended throughout the County of Halifax, and throughout every county and district in this Province.

Penalty on horses breaking into enclosures extended throughout the Province.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That the Act, made in the nineteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for providing Pounds in the several townships of this Province," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Act 19th Geo. 3d for providing pounds, repealed.

CAP. VIII.

An ACT to alter, amend, and continue, an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

**W**HEREAS it is found expedient to exempt certain articles herein after enumerated, from the duties imposed on them by the said recited Act; and to make certain other articles herein after also enumerated, subject to the duties imposed by the said Act, instead of the higher duties, to which they are now liable by virtue of other Revenue Acts of this Province:

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That all unwrought iron, anchors, grapnels, sail cloth, cordage, hemp, twine, lines, and fish hooks, which, from and after the thirty-first day of July next, shall be imported into this Province, shall be free and exempt from any duty or excise whatsoever.

Unwrought iron, anchors, fail cloth, &c. exempt from excise duty.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That all porter, ale, loaf sugar, and gun powder, which shall remain on hand, in this Province, on the thirty-first day of July next, or which shall thereafter be imported into this Province, shall be subject to the excise duties imposed by the said Act, and such duties shall be raised collected and paid, in the manner, and subject to the penalties and forfeitures, prescribed by the said recited Act.

Porter, ale, loaf sugar, and gun powder, subject to Excise duty.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act, and every clause and thing therein contained, and also the Act hereby altered and amended, shall be, and continue, in force until the thirty first day of July, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, and no longer.

Continued to the present time.