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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of February 1800, in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, being First Session of the Eighth 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.

40 George III - Chapter 14

An Act to continue, and amend, an Act, made and passed in the Thirty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses, or Shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such Public Houses and Shops."

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the said act, entitled, "An Act for raising a revenue to repair the roads throughout the province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops," shall continue in force until the first day of July, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that, notwithstanding any thing in the said act to the contrary, it shall and may be lawful for any person, or persons, who now have, or hereafter shall have, a tavern, or shop, licence for the sale of wine, ale, beer, cyder, perry, rum, or other distilled spirituous liquors, to make application, if they shall see fit, to the grand juries of the respective counties and districts in this province, to recommend such person or persons to the justices of the peace, for licence to vend goods, wares and merchandise, in his or their tavern, or to suffer wine, ale, beer, cyder, perry, rum, or other distilled spirituous liquors, to be drank in his or their shop; and persons obtaining such recommendation from the grand juries, and being approved of by the said justices at their general or quarter sessions of the peace, as fit and proper persons to be so entrusted, shall be licensed accordingly, and shall have such licence specified and inserted in his or their tavern or shop licence: and shall, thereupon, pay an additional duty of ten shillings per annum, to be paid, collected and applied, as the other duties imposed by the said act; and all and every person and persons, who shall obtain such further licence as aforesaid, shall cause a fair copy of such licence to be pasted up, and to remain, in some conspicuous part of his or their tavern or shop, exposed to the view of all persons frequenting such tavern or shop.