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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 2

An Act for altering and amending an Act, made in the thirty-second year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the second, entitled, "An Act for preventing Trespasses."

Whereas by an Act, made in the thirty-second year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the Second, it is enacted, that to all farms, which are bounded on rivers, where the tide flows, eight feet and upwards, at common tides, such river, so far up, shall be deemed a sufficient fence; and whereas the above recited part of said act, is found to produce many inconveniences to the owners of farms bounded by rivers:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, that such rivers, creeks, bays, harbours, and inlets, of the sea only, shall be deemed sufficient and lawful fences, as in the judgment of the fence viewers, of the township or place where such lands lie, shall be sufficiently deep and inaccessible to prevent the passing of cattle.