

*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 4

**An Act to provide suitable places for the General Assembly, and King's Courts to sit in, and for other public purposes.**

Whereas the term for which the buildings belonging to the Honorable Thomas Cochran, James Cochran and William Cochran, of Halifax, merchants, were hired by this province, will expire on the thirtieth day of June next, and whereas it will be expedient to renew the lease of said buildings for a term of three years:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this province, by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint three or more fit and proper persons, to act as commissioners on the part of the province; and the commissioners so appointed, shall, and may, in the names of themselves, their executors, and administrators, as trustees for this province, lease and hire from the said Thomas Cochran, James Cochran, and William Cochran, all the buildings, tenements and premises, now used, occupied and held, on the part of the province, for the general assembly, the King's courts, and other public purposes, for a term of three years certain, to commence, and be accounted on and from the first day of July next, continuance of the lease to an on Government giving the proprietors six months notice, previous to the end of any succeeding year, of the intention of giving up the premises; provided, that the term of such hire, shall not be extended to a period longer than ten years, at the yearly rent of three hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Province, in half yearly payments.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that nothing to be contained in such leases shall make liable, or oblige the said province, to pay for any repairs of the said building, or to repair or rebuild the same, in case they shall be consumed or destroyed, or made untenable by fire, or other accident or event whatsoever; unless the damage to be repaired has arisen from the negligence of the occupants, or the misuse of the premises, nor shall the province be obliged by such lease to pay any rent in such cases, but the said building shall be kept in good tenable repair by the said lessors, at their own proper costs and charges, and the rent shall cease from the time the said buildings are out of repair, or become untenable, unless the same are repaired in a reasonable time thereafter.

III. 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 draw, by warrant, on the treasury,

at the end and expiration of six calendar months from the said first day of July next, for the said half yearly rent of one hundred and fifty pounds, and so on for every half year then next ensuing, during the full term of said lease; and the Province is hereby bound to provide for the punctual payment of such warrants to the said Thomas, James and William Cochran, their heirs and assigns accordingly.