

*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.*

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**An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Annapolis.**

Whereas from the extent of the county of Annapolis, it is found inconvenient for the inhabitants of the western part of the said county, to attend at the times and places, when, and where the inferior court of common pleas, and general sessions of the peace, are now held for the said county; for remedy whereof:

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication hereof, the inferior court of common pleas, and general sessions of the peace for said county, shall be held four times in each and every year, that is to say, in the town of Annapolis, on the first Tuesday of April, and on the first Tuesday of November; and in the town plot of Digby, on the third Tuesday of June, and the third Tuesday of December.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the said court of common pleas, and sessions of the peace, to excuse the inhabitants of the eastern part of said county, from being drawn as grand or petit jurors, to serve at the said courts, to be held at Digby, as aforesaid; and so in like manner to excuse the inhabitants in the western part of said county, from being drawn as grand or petit jurors, to serve at the said courts, to be held at Annapolis, as aforesaid.

III. And be it also further enacted, that the presentation of money, hereafter to be assessed, or appropriated, within the said county, by the grand jury thereof, shall be made by the grand jurors of the said county, to the justices of the supreme court, at their annual sessions in the said county.