

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of February 1800, and thence continued by several Prorogations to the twenty-fifth day of February, 1802, in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the Third 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 to enable the Justices and Grand Jury for the Districts of Colchester and Pictou, to assess the Inhabitants of the said Districts, for the purpose of opening and repairing roads of communication from one settlement to another.

Whereas the inhabitants of the districts of Colchester and Pictou, labour under many inconveniences in consequence of the disconnected situation of the different settlements within the same, and the statute labour not being sufficient to open and repair roads of communication:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication hereof, where any road or communication is deemed necessary to be made, or any old road shall be out of repair, and the statute labour is not sufficient to open or repair the same, it shall and may be lawful for the justices and grand jury for the districts aforesaid, at their general sessions, to be holden in January every year, to assess the inhabitants of the said districts, in such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to open or repair such roads: which sums of money shall be assessed, and collected, and levied, as other county or district charges, and the same shall be laid out and expended for the sole purpose of opening and repairing the road set forth in the presentment, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

II. And be it further enacted, that in case any person who shall be assessed in any sum of money, by virtue of this act, shall prefer to work upon the road, for which such money shall be raised, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners or overseers of the said road, to apportion, and set off to such person, a part of the said road to be repaired, by such person who shall require the same, which part of the road shall be repaired and made according to directions to be given him by the said commissioner or overseer; and if any person, after having undertaken to make or repair such part of the said road as shall be set off to him as aforesaid, shall neglect to finish the same in the manner, and at the time, prescribed, he shall be liable to pay the sum of money assessed upon him, and the same shall be recovered in the manner herein before directed; provided nevertheless, that all money or work so to be assessed, collected, levied, or done, shall be laid out, expended and done, within the bounds of the township where the same is raised.

III. And be it further enacted, that the grand jury shall nominate two fit and proper persons, out of which the court shall choose one for each township or settlement so to be assessed, who shall be commissioner or overseer for superintending the faithful expenditure and application of the several sums of money, or number of days work, within the different townships or settlements, in the staid districts.

IV. And be it further enacted, that all commissioners or overseers, to be appointed under this act, shall render an account to the general sessions of the said districts the next January sessions, after he or they shall be appointed, of all monies received by them, and of the expenditure of the same; and of all work done within the township or settlement, or place, for which he or they shall be appointed.