

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 alter, and amend, an Act, passed in the Thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to alter, and amend, an Act, passed in the Thirty-third year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, 'An Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction, or Work-house, within the Town of Halifax, and binding out Poor Children, and to extend certain provisions therein to the whole of the Province.'"

Whereas the house of correction for the town and peninsula of Halifax, for want of a separate building for that express purpose, is at present kept, partly, in the building usually called the poor-house, and partly in the prison:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that whenever the justices in sessions, or any one justice in the town and peninsula of Halifax, shall commit any idle or disorderly person or persons to the house of correction, the acting commissioner of the poor, for the time being, shall have the discretion and superintendance of all and every such idle and disorderly person and persons, and may direct, as often as he shall see fit, the removal of any such person or persons to and from the poor-house, and jail, respectively, during the time for which such person or persons shall have been committed; and the keeper of such jail shall, and is hereby required, to obey all such orders as he shall receive from any acting commissioner, as well with respect to the removal to the poor-house of any such disorderly person or persons who shall have been so committed to the county jail, as also to the receiving into the said jail any person or persons who shall have been committed to the poor-house for correction as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the acting commissioner of the poor-house, and he is hereby required, on application, to victual him, her or them, according to the table of the diet of the paupers in the poor-house, whether for full, middle or bridewell, allowance, for man or woman; and such acting commissioner shall furnish to the keeper of such prison, proper materials for keeping all persons, so committed or removed to his custody, to hard labour, regard being had to age and sex: and the said keeper shall therewith keep such person or persons employed in the manner directed in the said act, and shall account to the said commissioner for the articles so entrusted to his care, and be liable to pay for any deficiency thereof, unless it shall appear to have been occasioned by some unavoidable accident.

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III. And be it further enacted, that the keeper of the prison of Halifax, to which such person or persons shall be committed or removed, shall receive from each and every person so committed or removed, when discharged, the sum of five shillings by way of fees: and in case such person shall be unable to pay the same, the commissioners of the poor shall pay the same to the said keeper, and insert the amount in their account of expences.

IV. And be it further enacted, that no keeper of any house of correction, or jail, to which any idle or disorderly person or persons shall be committed or removed, shall have power to inflict any corporal punishment on such person or persons, unless the warrant under which such person or persons shall be committed shall expressly specify that corporal punishment shall be inflicted on such offender. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise the sheriff to discharge, by his own authority, any person so committed to the said jail, or be construed to render the sheriff of the county of Halifax liable for the safe keeping of any person or persons so committed.