

and he is hereby declared to be, thenceforth, discharged from the said Office of Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax.

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II. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be granted and paid, out of the Treasury of this Province, unto the said John Newton, or his Assigns, during the term of his natural life, an Annuity, or Pension, of Two Hundred Pounds per Annum, from the said first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seven; to be paid quarterly, by Warrant for that purpose, to be drawn by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

Allowed a pension of 200l. per Annum.

CAP. XV.

An ACT in further addition to, and amendment of an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

WHEREAS, *it having been found necessary to provide more than two Fire Engines for the Town of Halifax, it becomes expedient to increase the number of Engine Men:*

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, in their Sessions, for the Town and County of Halifax, to appoint a further number of discreet and prudent persons as Engine Men, not exceeding Twelve, in addition to the number already appointed, or to be appointed, under the Act or Acts, whereof this is a further amendment; and such persons shall be subject to the duties, and entitled to all the privileges and exemptions, granted by the said Acts to Fire Engine Men.

Twelve additional Firemen appointed.

And whereas the present number of Firewards in the Town of Halifax has been found insufficient:

II. *Be it enacted*. That it shall, and may be lawful, for the Justices of the Peace in the Town and County of Halifax, to appoint a further number of discreet persons as Firewards, not exceeding five, in the several parts of the said Town of Halifax, who shall be sworn faithfully to discharge their trust, and who shall be invested with all the powers and regulations, as are provided for, in, and by the several Acts aforesaid.

Five additional Firewards.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the exemption from working on the Highways, granted by Law, to Engine Men, in the Town of Halifax, be extended, and the same is hereby extended, to Engine Men, appointed, or to be appointed by the aforesaid Acts, in the Towns of Annapolis, Windsor, Shelburne, Liverpool, and Lunenburg.

Engine Men in the Towns of Annapolis, Windsor, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg, exempted from Highway Labour.

CAP XVI.

An ACT to regulate the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

BE *it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That from and after the First day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seven, there shall be only one person appointed or employed, as Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax, or any other District or Port in this Province.

One Collector of Impost and Excise for Each District.

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Collector at Halifax, allowed 3l. 10s. on each hundred Pound.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the said first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seven, there shall be allowed and paid to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, out of all and every the duties respectively collected by them, and paid in cash into the Treasury of the Province, as follows ; that is to say ; to defray the charges of collection, in the District of Halifax, Three pounds ten shillings, and no more, on every Hundred pounds, there collected and paid ; and Ten pounds, and no more, on every Hundred pounds, collected and paid, at all, and every other, the Districts and Ports in this Province ; which several allowances, shall be in lieu of all fees and perquisites whatsoever. *Provided nevertheless*, That if any Collector of Impost and Excise, shall directly, or indirectly, follow and exercise, the business or trade of a Merchant, Shopkeeper or dealer, in any of the articles by law subject to the duties, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence, the sum of Fifty Pounds ; to be recovered in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, by Bill, Plaint, or Information ; one half of which forfeiture, shall be paid to his Majesty, for the use of the Government of this Province, the other half to the person or persons prosecuting for the same ; and no commission shall be allowed such Collector, on the Duties by him collected, for the year in which such offence shall have been committed.

Collectors of Out ports, allowed 10l. on each Hundred Pounds. Collectors not to be concerned in Trade.

Liable to 50l. Fine.

If convicted of trading, to be deprived that year of his Commission

Waiters and Guagers to be appointed in Outports or Districts, and to be allowed 4 per Cent.

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 appoint a fit and proper person, not being a Collector of Impost and Excise, as a Waiter and Guager, in each of the out Ports and Districts of this Province, who (the Waiters and Guager of Halifax excepted) shall be paid Five Pounds, for every Hundred Pounds, of Net Revenue, collected in such Port or District ; (except as before excepted) and paid into the Treasury.

Collectors to give Bond.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the Collectors of Impost and Excise, already appointed in and for the several Districts and Ports of this Province, shall, forthwith, give bond, with two sureties, to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, for the due and faithful performance of the duties of the Office of Collector within their respective Districts or Ports, agreeably to the true intent and provisions of the several Revenue Acts of this Province, already in force, or hereafter to be enacted ; that is to say ; the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and his sureties, shall become bound as aforesaid, in the sum of Five thousand pounds ; and the Collectors at the other Districts and Ports, respectively, with their sureties, in the sum of One thousand pounds ; and every Collector hereafter to be appointed, shall give like Bonds, before he enters on the execution of his Office.

Bond of the Collector of Halifax, 5000l. Bonds of Collectors at out Ports, 1000l.

If Collector's Security is not given by 1st July, another to be appointed in his stead.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Collector, now in Office, shall fail to complete his security, as aforesaid, by the first day of July next, he shall be put out of Office, and another person appointed in his stead.

Commissioners of the Revenue, to prosecute delinquent Officers and provincial Debtors, and to direct all information of seizure to be filed. Collectors to keep regular Books by double Entry. Books to be open to the inspection of the Treasurer or Committee of Accounts. Collectors to transmit to Treasurer, List of Permits given & received.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Commissioners of the Revenue, and they are hereby required, to order and direct, prosecutions, to be speedily commenced, against all delinquent Officers, and provincial debtors, and their sureties, without favour or distinction ; and also, to direct any informations to be filed on account of any seizures or forfeitures of the Revenue Laws of this Province.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the Collectors of Impost and Excise, shall keep a regular set of Books, by double Entry, wherein shall be opened accounts with all and every importing Merchant ; debiting all Entries, and crediting all receipts of Money, Permits and Certificates of Drawbacks ; which Books, shall be regularly balanced, and produced for inspection with their general accounts, when called for by the Treasurer of the Province, or the Committee of public Accounts ; and the Collectors of Impost and Excise, are hereby directed to transmit, quarterly, to the Treasurer of the Province, a list of Permits by them given, and received, for the removal of dutiable articles within the preceding quarter ; under pain of removal from Office for neglect of this Duty.