

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Twentieth day of February, Anno Domini, 1800, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Twenty-Eighth day of November, 1805; in the Forty-sixth 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 Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act for granting Two Thousand Pounds for the encouragement of the Agriculture of this Province.

Whereas the riches and prosperity of this province very much depend upon the improvement and encrease of its agriculture:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that any person or persons, being the owner or owners, tenant or tenants, occupier or occupiers, of any uncultivated lands, who shall, between the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six, and the fifteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, cut down, burn, or clear off, the wood growing, or being on, any part of such lands not formerly cultivated, or cleared, and who shall, between the last day of August, one thousand eight hundred and six, and the twentieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seven, sow the same with wheat or rye, and grass seed, in a husbandlike manner, fit for a crop, and inclose the same with a fence, sufficient to prevent damages by cattle, shall be entitled to receive, out of the treasury of this province the sum of twenty shillings, for each and every acre so cleared, sowed and fenced, and in that proportion for any part of an acre. Provided always, that no person, or persons, shall be entitled to the above bounty for a lesser quantity than two acres, so, as aforesaid, cleared. And provided, also, that the whole sum to be expended in such bounties shall not exceed the sum of two thousand pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, that any person, or persons, intending to claim the bounty herein allowed, shall make the proof of having cleared, sowed and fenced, two acres, or more, of uncultivated lands, before the justices in some general or special sessions of the peace for the county or district where such lands lie, which proof of such justices are hereby required to receive, and shall cause the clerk of the said court to give a certificate thereof, setting forth the situation and quantity of the land so cleared as aforesaid, and that the same has been cleared, fenced and cultivated, according to the true intent and meaning of this act.

III. And be it further enacted, that before any bounty shall be payable by virtue of this act, schedule of the lands for which such bounty shall be claimed, shall be made in writing, and signed by the chairman of any general or special sessions in each and every county and district, and countersigned by the clerk of the peace, which schedule shall contain the names of the claimants, and the number of acres for which certificates have been granted as

aforesaid, and shall be transmitted on or before the tenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, to the secretary's office, and if it shall appear, on the receipt of the several schedules and certificates so granted, that the claims for bounties, certified as aforesaid, will exceed the sum of two thousand pounds, the said sum of two thousand pounds shall be averaged, and divided, among the several claimants in proportion to the land they may have so cleared, and cultivated, and a warrant shall, thereupon, be issued for the share, and proportion, which each county or district may be entitled unto, with a copy annexed of the schedule transmitted therefor, and made payable for the use of the several claimants to such person or persons as the justices, in session, shall respectfully nominate as trustee for the claimants named in such schedule, and shall be paid in full satisfaction of the bounty payable to them respectively, under and by virtue of this act.