

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Eighteenth day of November, 1806, and continued by several prorogations to Thursday the Ninth day of November, 1809, in the Fiftieth 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. &c. being the Sixth Session of the Ninth General Assembly, convened in the said Province. From Henry H. Cogswell, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: from the Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, to the Fifty-Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign. John Howe and Son, 1816.*

50 George III – Chapter 11 (Session 2)

**An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein;" and also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign.**

Whereas notwithstanding the said acts, the streets, lanes and highways, in and about the town of Halifax, are frequently encumbered with filth, dirt, and nuisances of various descriptions, which greatly obstruct the passage, and also endanger the health of the inhabitants; for remedy thereof:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that every person within the town of Halifax, shall be obliged to keep the gutters and streets before the houses, building or land, inhabited or occupied by him, her or them, clear and free from dirt, filth and nuisances of every kind; and that whenever any earth, ashes, manure, stones, brick, shavings, dirt, filth, offal, or any other thing, shall be found lying, thrown or placed, in any of the said streets, lanes or highways, the person or persons, before or nearest whose house, building or land, the same shall be, shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty shillings, together with the expense incurred by the commissioners of highways in removing the same; and the said commissioners, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to cause such earth, ashes, manure stones, shavings, rubbish, dirt, filth, or offal, to be instantly removed, without giving any notice to the owner, or supposed owners thereof, or being at all answerable for the same. Provided always, that no person shall be liable to the said penalty, unless he shall have thrown or placed the said nuisance in the street, lane or highway, where the same shall be found, or not having thrown or placed the same in, the said street, lane or highway, shall suffer the same to continue for the space of four hours.

And whereas, persons keeping carts, sleds, or trucks, frequently neglect to perform their highway labour, or to work in a proper manner, and it is expedient to substitute a money payment, in lieu thereof:

II. Be it therefore enacted, that every person or persons, who shall keep any horse or horses, and cart, sled or truck, shall, besides performing his and their personal statute

labour, pay for such horses annually at the following rates: that is to say, for one horse, seven shillings and six pence; for two horses, twelve shillings; for three horses, sixteen shillings; for four horses twenty shillings; and for every horse above four, two shillings and six pence more.

And whereas, the main public road leading from Halifax to Sackville Bridge, is frequently encumbered and obstructed with logs, spars, bark, scantling, boards, plank, slabs, cordwood, hoop poles, staves, laths, fencing materials and stones, to the great annoyance and danger of travellers and passengers on the road; for remedy whereof:

III. Be it enacted, that in ten days after the publication hereof, all logs, spars, bark, scantling, boards, planks, slabs, cordwood, hoop poles, staves, laths, fencing materials, and stones, and timber of any kind, which shall be found in the ditches or track of the said road between M'Alpine's house, and the upper or eastern side of Sackville bridge, shall be ipso facto forfeited; and it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or any of them, without any suit or process of law whatever, to cause all articles so found, to be instantly seized, and disposed of in such way, or manner as they shall think proper; and if the same shall be sold, the proceeds of such sale shall be applied by the said commissioners for the repair and improvement of the said road.

IV. And be it further enacted, that all sum and sums of money, penalties and forfeitures, herein contained, shall be sued for and recovered before any justice of the peace for the county of Halifax.

V. And be it further enacted, that this act shall be and remain in full force and effect for one year from the publication hereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.