

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 Fourteenth day of February, 1811, in the Fifty-first 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 Seventh 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.

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An Act for erecting a Province House, on the ground where the old Government House now stands, for the meeting of the different Branches of the Legislature and other public purposes.

Whereas, the building in which the legislature is now convened, is decayed and unfit to be repaired, and it is necessary to provide a provincial house for the accommodation of the general assembly and also for other public purposes:

- I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that there shall be erected on the lot of ground where the old government house now stands, a province house, which shall be formed of free stone, according to a plan and elevation made by Mr. John Merrick, and that the same shall be one hundred and forty feet in length, seventy feet in breadth, and forty-two feet in height, measuring from the top of the cellar walls, and that the said province house shall be erected so as to have an equal distance at each end from George street and Prince street, and the west front thereof shall be ten feet from Granville street, and no more.
- II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said province house shall contain a council chamber in one end, and an assembly room in the other end thereof, the length of each of which shall be the whole breadth of the building, and the breadth of each thirty-two feet; and that there shall be a room for holding the supreme court of judicature, and other provincial courts, and also rooms for all the different provincial public offices.
- III. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of the Honourable Sampson Salter Blowers, President of His Majesty's council, the Honorable Edward Brabazon Brenton, Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esquire, speaker of the house of assembly, and Foster Hutchinson, Esquire, one of the Justices of the supreme court, to make such other arrangements in the interior of the said building, of the apartments intended for the purposes mentioned in this act, as he shall deem fit, and to direct a plan of such further arrangements to be laid before the commissioners for the said Province House, by which to regulate their conduct.

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IV. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that George Grassie and Winckworth Allan, Esquires, and Mr. John Merrick, be appointed commissioners to conduct and superintend the building of the said province house, and that the said commissioners shall be accountable to the legislature, from time to time, for their conduct in that capacity, and that after the completion of the said building they shall be entitled to receive an allowance of three per cent on the amount of the expenditure, as a compensation for their trouble as such commissioners.

V. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, on the death, removal from the province, resignation or misconduct in office, of any of the commissioners, by this act appointed, to nominate and appoint others to act as commissioners in their place and stead.

VI. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners aforesaid, or such as shall hereafter in their place in manner aforesaid, or the major part of them, to purchase such materials as shall be fit and necessary for the erection of such province house, and to hire, employ and pay, proper architects, mechanics, workmen, and labourers, for erecting and completing the same, and that all contracts entered into, by the said commissioners, for procuring materials, workmanship and labour, for the aforesaid purposes, shall, previous to their being executed, be laid before the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, for his approbation.

VII. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the sum of five thousand pounds out of the revenues of this province, be granted for the purchasing and procuring materials, and employing and paying mechanicks and workmen for erecting the said province house, and that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw warrants on the treasury of this province, at the requisition of the said commissioners, or the major part of them, for the sum aforesaid, at such times, and in such proportions, as may be found necessary.