

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 to regulate the proceedings of the Court of Escheats.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that before any inquest of office shall be made before the escheator or commissioner, public notice thereof shall be given in the royal gazette, a copy of which notice shall be fixed at the church door, and also at the door of the court-house of the county or district where the lands lie; and if any known tenant or person be living on the lands or tenements to be enquired of, a copy of such notice shall also be delivered to him at least three months before such inquest shall be made.

II. And be it further enacted, that one part of every inquisition that shall be made shall be returned into His Majesty's court of chancery, and, if any person will traverse the same, such inquisition shall, on petition to the chancellor, be certified into His Majesty's supreme court, and may be there traversed in the same manner that inquisitions are traversed in the high court of chancery, or court of exchequer, in England.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any tenant, or occupier, wilfully neglect to give information of such notice to his landlord, in case he shall be within the province, or to his attorney or agent, in case he shall be absent therefrom, and shall have a known attorney or agent therein, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered by the party injured in any court of record in this province.

IV. And be it further enacted, that no lands, which, by any inquest of office, have been found to have escheated, shall be granted to any person or persons before the expiration of one year from the day of such inquest, except to the person or persons who were the original owners thereof, their heirs or assigns.