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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Thirteenth day of February, 1813, in the Fifty-third 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 Third Session of the Tenth 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 in further addition to an act, made in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships."

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that if any collector or collectors that hereafter may be appointed for any town, township or district, within any county or district of this province, shall neglect, delay, or refuse, to collect and pay to the treasurer of the county, the several and respective sum or sums of money, which he or they are, or shall be required and empowered to collect within their respective districts or precincts for the county or district rate, pursuant to the warrants delivered to them for the space of three months after the receipt of the said warrants, that the said collector or collectors so neglecting, delaying or refusing, to collect and pay the same to the county treasurer within the time before mentioned, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered by the county treasurer, by bill, plaint or information, in any court of record within this province; one half to the use of the said county treasurer, and the other half to the use of the county to which such treasure belongs.