

*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.*

53 George III – Chapter 15

**An Act to authorise the Treasurer of the Province to call in and pay the Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue other Treasury Notes.**

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that all treasury notes of twenty shillings, issued under an act, passed in the last session of the general assembly, entitled, "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes," shall be called in and paid, with the interest due thereon, in gold or silver, by the treasurer of the province, on the first day of August next, he the said treasurer giving notice of such payment in the Royal Gazette, at least sixty days before the said first day of August; and all notes of the above description which shall not be then presented at the treasury for payment, shall cease to bear interest from the said first day of August, and shall not thereafter circulate, or be received by the collectors of impost and excise, in payment of duties, for any more than the sum expressed on the face of such notes, with interest from the day of issuing to the said first day of August next.

II. And be it further enacted, that all other treasury notes issued under the said act shall in like manner be called in and paid by the treasurer, on the thirty-first day of December next, giving at least sixty days notice thereof in manner aforesaid; and if any of the said notes shall not be presented for payment accordingly, they shall cease to bear interest from the day last mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, that there shall be no further issue of treasury notes, of any description, under the act of the general assembly above mentioned.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the said notes, to be called in and paid as aforesaid, shall be by the treasurer delivered over to the commissioners herein after mentioned, who, in the presence of the treasurer, shall cut therefrom the name of the treasurer, and deliver the whole thereof into the hands of the secretary of the province, to be lodged in his office, to be examined and destroyed by the joint committee of His Majesty's council and house of assembly, appointed to examine the public accounts.

V. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, when and as soon as he may deem necessary, to appoint three fit and proper persons as commissioners to issue treasury notes to any amount, not exceeding twenty thousand pounds, as follows: three thousand notes of forty shillings each, and fourteen thousand notes of twenty shillings each: which notes shall be indented and impressed with the words "Nova-Scotia," and shall contain the following figures and words:

No.

Province of Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, 1813.

By law the bearer of this note is entitled to receive at the treasury the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ shillings.

And the said notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the province, and countersigned by two or more of the said commissioners, and the treasurer, together with the said commissioners, are hereby authorised and required to superintend the printing and completing of the blanks of the said notes.

VI. And be it further enacted, that the whole of the said notes shall be of the same date, and when so completed and signed shall be delivered to the said treasurer by the persons appointed to countersign the same, and the treasurer shall be accountable for such notes so delivered.

VII. And be it further enacted, that when, and as often as money shall become due and payable by virtue of any act or acts already passed, or that may be passed, and warrants for the same are produced for payment to the treasurer of the province, he shall pay the amount of such warrants, on demand, in gold or silver, or in the said notes, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, at his or their election; which notes shall be again received at the treasury, and also by the collectors of impost and excise for the several districts in this province, at their specified value, equal to the like value in gold or silver, when and as often as the same are presented and offered in payment of duties.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons whatsoever shall counterfeit any of the notes aforesaid, issued by virtue of this act, or alter any of the same, so that they shall appear to be of greater value than when originally issued; or shall knowingly pass, or give in payment, any of the notes aforesaid so counterfeited or altered, every person convicted thereof shall be let in the pillory for the space of one whole hour; and one of the ears of such offender shall be nailed thereto; and such offender shall be publicly whipped through the streets of the town or place where such offence shall be committed; and shall pay all charges of the prosecution.

IX. And be it further enacted, that in case the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, shall, by his warrant or warrants, require the treasurer of the province to re-issue the notes received at the treasury, or to require the commissioners to issue other notes in lieu of those so received, or any part thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said treasurer to re-issue the said notes, or the commissioners to issue other notes agreeably to the said warrants. Provided, the new notes, so to be re-issued, shall not exceed the amount of the notes so from time to time received at the treasury.

X. And be it further enacted, that if any person at any quarterly period after the thirty-first day of December next, that is to say, at the thirty-first day of March; thirtieth of June; thirtieth of September; and the thirty-first day of December, in any succeeding year, shall tender for payment at the treasury any number of said treasury notes, amounting in value to one hundred pounds or upwards, in case the treasurer shall not be able to pay the same in gold or silver, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by warrant under his hand and seal, to direct the commissioners, under and by virtue of an act, passed in the fifty-second year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expenses of the War, and to appoint Commissioners to borrow Money for the use of the Province," to fund such sum or sums of Treasury Paper as shall be so tendered for payment from time to time as aforesaid, and to grant certificates to the amount thereof on interest, the same as have been done for the money borrowed under and by virtue of said recited Act; and the said commissioners shall take a receipt from the treasurer for the amount of said notes so funded; and the treasurer shall be charged with, and accountable for the same: and the same may be issued again into circulation, if the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, shall, by warrant, authorise the treasurer so to do.

XI. And be it further enacted, that if at the end and expiration of three years from the publication hereof, all the notes which shall be issued under and by virtue of this act, shall not have been received in payment of duties by the collectors of impost and excise, and paid into the treasury, it shall and may be lawful for the holders of any such notes to present the same for payment at the office of the treasurer of the province; and the treasurer is hereby directed and required to pay all such notes on demand, in gold and silver, out of any monies then in the treasury, not otherwise specially appropriated.

XII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to lend to the deputy paymaster general or His Majesty's forces in this province, for the use of the said forces, any sum in treasury notes not exceeding in the whole ten thousand pounds – the said deputy paymaster general, or the officer or officers in the charge of the army pay office, giving a proper undertaking to repay such sum in treasury notes, or in specie, within six months after the same shall be required.