

*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 Tenth day of February, 1814, in the Fifty-fourth 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 Fourth 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 to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting-House at Truro, and to inclose the Burying Place belonging to the same, and also to assess Monies for defraying the expences thereof.**

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that whenever the proprietors of the meeting house at Truro, shall find it expedient to repair the same, or to make or repair any wall, fence, or enclosure, around the burying place thereto appertaining, it shall and may be lawful for such proprietors to meet and consult about the making of such repairs or inclosure, and the votes or determination of the major part in number and interest of such proprietor, at such meeting, shall bind the whole.

Provided always, that every proprietor or person, acting in his or her behalf, shall have at least four days previous notice of the time, place and purpose, of such meeting, and that all votes or resolutions agreed on by the majority at such meetings, shall be entered into the meeting house books, or into a book to be provided and kept for that purpose, which book shall be open for the inspection of every proprietor.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said proprietors or such major part of them, to appoint three or more fit and proper persons to act as trustees for directing and completing such repairs or inclosures, as shall be determined and agreed on at any meeting to be held as aforesaid; and such trustees may enter into any agreements or contracts for making such repairs or inclosures, and, whenever the expences thereof shall be ascertained, shall apportion the same by a just and equal assessment on all the proprietors of the said meeting-house, according to their several shares and interests therein; and such assessment shall be made in writing, and be submitted to the inspection of any of the proprietors who may require to view and examine the same.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any proprietor shall refuse or neglect, for the space of ten days after due notice to him or her of such assessment, to pay his or her share thereof to the said trustees, it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees to advertise such delinquent's share or shares in the said meeting house, to be let, and to lease the same for such term of time as shall be sufficient to raise the amount of his or her assessment, and if

no person shall appear within the space of one month after such advertisement, to hire the said share or shares, it shall be lawful for the said trustees to sell the same to the highest bidder; and to make and execute a good and sufficient deed thereof, and also to deliver the possession of such share or shares to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and the overplus, if any, shall be paid over to the delinquent proprietor or proprietors.

VI. And be it further enacted, that if any such trustees, or purchasers, shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing done by them, or any of them, in pursuance of this act, it shall be lawful for such trustees or other persons to plead the general issue, and to give this act and the special matter in evidence.