

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 Ninth day of February, 1815, in the Fifty-fifth 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 Fifth 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 for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

May it please your Excellency;

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the house of assembly of His Majesty's province of Nova-Scotia, towards appropriating the supplies granted to His Majesty in this Session of the General Assembly, and for supplying the exigencies of His Majesty's Government, do humbly beseech that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that by or out of such monies as now are, or from time to time shall be and remain in the public treasury of this province, there shall be paid:

The sum of 200 l. to the speaker of the house of assembly, for his salary during the present year.

And a further sum of 100 l. to the solicitor general, for his services for the present year.

And a further sum of 500 l. to the treasurer of the province, for his salary, and as comptroller and auditor of public accounts, and in lieu of office rent, clerks, and all other contingent expences, for the present year.

And a further sum of 116 l. 13 s. 4 d. to Scroop Barnard Morland, Esq. the agent of the province, for his services for the present year.

And a further sum of 100 l. to the clerk of the council in general assembly, as a clerk to His Majesty's council for the same year.

And a further sum of 30 l. for defraying the expences of the council, in general assembly, for the same year; the same to be paid on the certificate of the president of the council, and not otherwise.

And a further sum of 100 l. to the clerk of the house of assembly for his services for the present year.

And a further sum of 175 l. to Messrs. Howe & Son, printers, for printing for government and the general assembly, for the same year.

And a further sum of 50 l. to the keeper of the house of assembly, and the council chamber, for the same year.

And a further sum of 90 l. to be paid on the certificate of the commissioners of the revenue, to the land waiter for the port of Halifax, for his services for the same year.

And a further sum, to be paid on the certificate of the commissioners of the revenue, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day, to such person or persons as shall be employed during the year aforesaid by the collector of impost and excise of the district of Halifax, as extra waiter or waiters for the port of Halifax; and five shillings per day to such extra waiter or waiters for the port of Halifax; and five shillings per day to such extra waiters, together with ten per cent to be paid out of the net proceeds of the government part of such seizure or seizures as such extra waiter or waiters, or temporary waiter or waiters, may be instrumental in making.

And a further sum of 200 l. to the guager and weigher for the collector of impost and excise in the district of Halifax, for his services for the same year.

And a further sum of 40 l. to the messenger to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and his Majesty's council, as well in their legislative capacity as otherwise, for the present year.

And a further sum of 900 l. to defray the contingent expences of the house of assembly during the present session, to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief on the certificate of the speaker of the house of assembly, and not otherwise.

And a further sum of 25 l. to the Reverend Robert Stanfer, for his services as Chaplain to His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly during the present session.

And a further sum of 25 l. to Robert Angus, for his services as sergent at arms to the house of assembly for the present session.

And a further sum of 20 l. to John Gibbs, for his services as messenger to the house of assembly during the present session.

And a further sum of 30 l. to the surveyor-general of lands, to defray the expence of his office rent, for the same year.

And a further sum of 30 l. to the clerk of the commissioners of the revenue, for the same year.

And a further sum of 20 l. to the secretary of the province, for stationary on account of warrants, to be drawn on the treasury, for the service of the same year.

And a further sum of 10 l. to the trustees of the law library, to be disposed of in such way as they may think proper, for the advantage of such library.

And a further sum not exceeding 530 l. to enable the commissioners of the revenue to enter into a contract or contracts, for supporting and lighting the light-houses on M’Nutt’s and Sambro Island, for the present year.

And a further sum of 50 l. to James Ratchford and James Noble Shannon, for the encouragement of a Packet, to run between Windsor and Partridge Island, under such regulations as may be made and ordered, by the Justices in their Sessions for the county of Hants, for the present year.

And a further sum of 50 l. to the adjutant general of militia, for the payment of his clerk, stationary and postage, and all other contingent expenses, for the present year.

And a further sum of 50 l. to the Quarter-Master-General of militia, as aforesaid.

And a further sum of 222 l. 4 s. 5 d. to the attorney general, for his services for the present year, to be paid as heretofore.

And a further sum of 75 l. to be paid to the person who has the care of the gun-powder at Halifax, for his services for the present year.

And a further sum of 100 l. to each of the assistant justices of the supreme court, in addition to their salaries, for the present year.

And a further sum of 100 l. to the treasurer of the province, in addition to his salary, for the present year; to be drawn by warrant from the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

And a further sum, not exceeding 200 l. for supporting and lighting the light-house on Briar Island.

And a further sum of 10 l. to Ebenezer Wheaton, towards his support for the present year, in consideration of his being deprived of the use of one of his arms; which disability happened

while he was employed in the embodied militia at Halifax, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

And a further sum of 300 l. for the rent of the building hired of Messrs. Cochrans.

And a further sum of 35 l. to the provincial secretary, for extra services in carrying into effect the laws respecting schools.

And a further sum of 300 l. to the commissioner of the island of Sable, (in addition to the balance now in the hands of said commissioner) for the support of that establishment the present year.

And a further sum, not exceeding 100 l. to defray the expence of three staff sergeants of militia for the present year, to be drawn by warrant from the treasury, and expended under the direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

And a further sum, not exceeding 190 l. to be drawn by warrant from the treasury, to enable his excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to pay for completing the surveys and plans of the several lakes and streams between the Shubenaccadie [Shubenacadie] River and the harbour of Halifax.

And a further sum of 43 l. 15 s. to Joseph Fennel, in full for a drawback of the duty on four hundred and eighty-five gallons of rum exported from Antigonish to Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island in the month of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

And a further sum, not exceeding 450 l. to defray the expence of keeping up a communication by post, from one part of the province to the other, to be drawn by warrant from the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

And a further sum of 75 l. to Lieutenant William Harding, of the twenty-second battalion of Nova-Scotia militia, in consideration of his having, while in the discharge of his duty as a militia officer, received a severe wound in his leg by the accidental discharge of a musket by which he has been put to great expence, and rendered a cripple for the remainder of his life.

And a further sum of 600 l. for the relief of the transient poor, for the present year, to be paid to the commissioners of the poor at Halifax.

And a further sum of 1000 l. to be paid to the commissioners of the poor as aforesaid, to assist in paying the arrears for the erection of the lunatic house, and for debts incurred for the support of the transient poor for the past year.

And a further sum of 140 l. for finishing and completing the light-house on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool, (in addition to the sum of 460 l. granted for the

said light-house in the last session, and not yet drawn from the treasury) to be paid into the hands of such commissioners at his excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall appoint for that purpose.

And a further sum of 297 l. 14 s. ½ d. to Lydia Collins, and James Barss, Administratrix and Administrator to the estate of the late George Collins, of Liverpool, deceased, for sundry articles supplied, and disbursements made, by the said George Collins, for the use of the light-house, aforesaid, per account.

And a further sum of 152 l. 2 s. 11 ½ d. to William Freeman, Joshua Newton, and Nathaniel Smith, late commissioners for the light-house before mentioned, in full of the sum expended by them, over and above the monies granted by the legislature, and for their services as commissioners for the said light-house.

And a further sum of 29 l. 3 s. 4 d. to Christian Muller, Sheriff of the county of Sydney, for his expences in coming from Manchester and attending at the bar of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the late election of a representative for the said county.

And a further sum of 10 l. to the clerk of the house of assembly, to defray the expence of sending a messenger for the sheriff of the county of Sydney.

And a further sum, not exceeding 388 l. 1 s. 0 ½ d. for painting, white washing, and other necessary repairs, to the government house, and for keeping the out-houses, drains, and fences of the same, in repair; and also for paying off the balance now due for repairs done; and carpets furnished, for the said building.

And a further sum, not exceeding 509 l. 12 s. for purchasing copper, nails, rivets and solder, and to pay carpenters, masons, labourers, &c. in repairing the roof of the government house.

And a further sum of 23 l. 5 s. 7 d. to Henry H. Cogswell, for superintending the expenditure of the sum of money granted the last session of the service of the government house.

And a further sum of 34 l. 10 s. to the surveyor general of land, to discharge the balance due for expences incurred in running the line between Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, per account.

And a further sum of 133 l. 5 s. to the surveyor general of lands, to defray the expence incurred for surveying, making and planning, a line designated for a new road through the interior of the province from Annapolis to Halifax, per account.

And a further sum of 22 l. 10 s. to John Howe & Son, for printing forms of prayers, per account.

And a further sum of 200 l. to be applied by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in such manner as he may judge proper, to the payment of expences incurred in the establishing and conducting the Acadian school in Halifax, up to the present time.

And a further sum of 111 l. 2 s. 2 ½ d to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. for his services for the present year, in soliciting and obtaining on the part of the province many important commercial privileges.

And a further sum of 79 l. 12 s. 6 d. to be paid to the secretary of the province to defray the expence incurred for medicines and other articles furnished to sundry poor persons vaccinated at Dartmouth, Preston, &c. as per abstract.

And a further sum of 105 l. 15 s. to Seth Coleman, in full for his services for vaccinating four hundred and twenty-three poor and distressed persons at Dartmouth and Preston, being at the rate of five shillings for each person.

And a further sum of 90 l. to the clerk of the house of assembly, to defray the expence of extra clerks, servants, and other incidental expences, during the present session, and also for discharging sundry accounts for articles furnished and services performed for the use of the house.

And a further sum of 10 l. to the clerk of the council, to defray the expence of fuel for the council, in the present session.

And a further sum of 11 l. 7 s. 6 d. to the clerk of the house of assembly, to defray the expence of fuel, furnished for the use of the house of assembly, in the present session.

And a further sum of 14 l. 10 s. 4 d. to the clerk of the house of assembly, to defray the expence of stationary for the use of His Majesty's council and the house of assembly, during the present session.

And a further sum of 500 l. to be applied by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in such manner as he shall deem most effectual to prevent the spreading of small pox, by promoting vaccination throughout the province.

And a further sum of 5000 l. towards erecting the province house, to be drawn for by warrant from the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief on the treasury, and expended under the direction of the commissioners appointed for the said building.

And a further sum, not exceeding 500 l. to be appropriated and applied by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in paying any expences which may have arisen under the militia laws of the province, since the ratification of the treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States of America, and in securing ammunition and other warlike stores, furnished and provided for the defence of different parts of the province.

And a further sum of 1000 l. for the purchase of a service of plate, or any other testimonial, to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as a token of the grateful approbation entertained by the inhabitants of the province, for the great care and economy of His Excellency in administering the government of this country during the late war with the United States.

(The second section of this act has been executed.)

III. And be it further enacted, that if any accident shall happen to any of the bridges on the main roads in the province, or if any unforeseen obstruction to travelling shall arise from the fall of trees, or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to order a commissioner or commissioners to rebuild or repair such bridges, or remove such obstruction; and it shall be further lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, from time to time, to draw warrants on account, in favour of such commissioner or commissioners. Provided, the whole amount of the money drawn for such services, shall not exceed 140 l. in addition to the sum of 484 l. being the balance of the sum of 500 l. granted last year remaining at present unappropriated.

Whereas, it is expedient that the sum of five thousand pounds, borrowed for the defence of the province, should be now repaid; and as a compensation to the persons who advanced the said loan, for receiving it without notice, it is reasonable that they be allowed interest thereon up to the thirtieth day of September next:

IV. Be it therefore further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to draw by warrant on the treasury, for the said sum of 5000 l. and interest, to be computed to the thirtieth day of September next, to be forthwith paid to the several persons who advanced the said sum to government, and no further interest to be allowed after that date.

V. And be it further enacted, that so soon as the settlers, who were actually on the Douglas and Philadelphia Grants, claiming titles, either by purchase from the original proprietors of the said grants, or who were entitled to hold from their improvements as original grantees at the time the said grants were escheated under a promise of His Majesty's officers, who were appointed to conduct the escheats, that such settlers should be confirmed in their possessions without any expence whatever, are confirmed in their titles without expense, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant on the treasury for a sum not exceeding 250 l. to be applied to the payment of the fees of the officers of His Majesty's government who shall so confirm the said titles; provided the said titles are completed on or before the thirtieth day of March next.

VI. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to draw by warrant on the treasury, from time to time, as he may require it, any sum or sums of money, provided the whole sum to be so drawn, shall not exceed the sum of 400 l. to be applied by his Excellency, in such manner as he may think proper, towards the temporary relief of such old, infirm and helpless persons, as the unforeseen events of the late war may have cast upon this province.

VII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant on the treasury, from time to time, for all such sums of money as may become due and payable by virtue of the several laws now in force for the establishing of schools in the province.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that the ninth, twelfth, fifteenth, sixteenth, eighteenth and nineteenth sections or clauses of the act, made and passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for applying certain Monies therein-mentioned for the service of the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province," shall be and continue in full force and virtue, until the eighteenth day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in as full and ample a manner as the same clauses would be, were the same again here repeated word for word.