

*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 Eighth day of February, 1816, in the Fifty-sixth 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 Sixth 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.*

56 George III – Chapter 13

**An Act to authorise the appointing Commissioners for Light-Houses.**

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council of this province, to appoint three commissioners for the taking charge of, and superintending, the several Light Houses now erected, or which may hereafter be erected, on the coasts of this province: which commissioners shall have power to purchase oil, candles, wick, casks, and all other such materials and utensils as may be necessary for the lighting the said light houses, in the most beneficial manner, and to contract for the necessary repair of the light houses, and lanterns, and for keeping them at all times in good repair, and sufficiently supplied.

II. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners shall have power to appoint, and also at their pleasure to remove, the keepers of the said light houses; and also to lay down rules for the orderly lighting and keeping the same. Provided always, that the said commissioners shall, as often as may be required by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, report to such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, upon the state of the light houses, which report shall contain the names and ages of the several keepers of the light houses, the amount of their salaries, and also an account of the stores and materials belonging to the several light houses, which at the time of such report shall be on hand.

III. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by warrant from the treasury such sum or sums of money, out of the light duties, as may be necessary for the repairing, lighting, and supplying the said light houses, and for paying the keepers of the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive a commission of five per cent. on all monies by them expended under the provisions of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners shall render an accurate account of the receipt and expenditure of all such money expended by them, to the auditor of accounts, to be by him audited, and laid before the joint committee of the council and house of assembly.