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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 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 22

An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Sydney.

Whereas from the extent of the county of Sydney, it is found inconvenient for the inhabitants of the western part of the said county to attend at the times and place, where and where the inferior court of common pleas, and general sessions of the peace, are now held for the said county: for remedy whereof,

- I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication hereof, the inferior court of common pleas, and general sessions of the peace, for the said county, shall be held twice in each and every year at the times now appointed by the for holding the same, but instead of being held twice in each year at the court-house in Guysborough, shall be held only once at the said court-house annually, to wit, on the second Tuesday of December; and once at Dorchester Village annually, to wit, on the first Tuesday of July.
- II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the said court of common pleas, and sessions of the peace, to excuse the inhabitants of the eastern part of the said county, from being drawn as petit jurors to serve at the said court to be held at Dorchester Village as aforesaid; and so in like manner to excuse the inhabitants in the western part of the said county, from being drawn as petit jurors to serve at the courts to be held at the court house at Guysborough as aforesaid.
- III. And be it further enacted, that the presentation of money hereafter to be assessed or appropriated within the said county, by the grand jury thereof; as also the presentation and appointment of county and town officers, shall continue to be made at the general sessions of the peace held annually in December at the court-house in Guysborough, and not otherwise.