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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 Thirteenth day of February, 1817, in the Fifty-Seventh 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 Seventh Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

57 George III – Chapter 17

An Act in amendment of the Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue Winged Ducks.

Whereas, the bad season last year has very much injured and diminished the breed of partridges throughout the province, and it is deemed necessary, for the more effectual preservation of so useful a bird, to prevent any of them being killed during the present year:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, under any pretence whatsoever, to kill any partridges within the province, from and after the publication of this act, until the first day of October, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, under the penalty of ten shillings for each partridge taken, killed, destroyed, sold or exposed to sale, or found dead in the custody or possession of any person or persons whatsoever during the period before mentioned; which penalty of ten shillings shall and may be recovered and applied as directed in the act of which this is an amendment. Provided always, that any Indian, or poor and distressed settler, who may kill any partridge for their own use and necessary subsistence, and not for sale, shall not be subject to any penalty under this Act.