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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 9

An Act, in amendment of an Act, passed in the tenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the settlement of the Poor, in the several Townships within this Province.

Whereas, doubts have arisen in the construction of that part of the first section of the said Act which relates to the service which shall entitle a pauper to a settlement; for remedy thereof:—

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, to entitle a pauper of the description to a settlement, he or she shall have lived as an hired servant for one whole year under an agreement to serve one whole year next before such person's application for relief.