

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 Fifth day of February 1818, in the Fifty-Eighth 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 Eighth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg."

Whereas it is become necessary that the original boundary lines of the several tracts of land, granted and set apart as a public common for the use of the inhabitants of the said township, should be ascertained and the marks renewed, and the encroachments and settlements forcibly made and making since the date of the grant of confirmation thereof, into and upon the said common, to the great detriment of the said inhabitants should be relinquished and prevented:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that upon appreciation of the trustees of the said common to the inhabitants of the said township, in their annual meetings, to make provision for their poor, it shall and may be lawful for the said inhabitants to vote such sum or sums of money as they shall judge necessary and sufficient to be raised to defray the costs and expenses of running, ascertaining and renewing, the marks of the original boundary lines of the said common, when and so often as it shall be found requisite, and also for commencing, carrying on, and prosecuting any suits or actions to compel the relinquishment of encroachments and settlements made into and upon the said common; which suits and actions the said trustees of the said common for the time being, or either of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to commence, carry on, and prosecute, in their own names, and on behalf of the inhabitants of the said township; which said sum or sums of money so voted, and the sum voted at the same time for the support of the poor, shall be added together, so as to make but one assessment of the whole, and the same assessed by the same assessors, and collected by the same collectors, in like manner as poor rates are by law assessed and collected, and shall be paid to the said trustees for the purposes herein before mentioned, who shall account for the expenditure thereof to such person or persons as the said inhabitants shall, in any of their said meetings, think proper to appoint to inquire into the same. Provided always, that no such monies shall be voted by the inhabitants of the said township unless the overseers of the poor, in the notice now by law required to be given for raising money for the support of the poor, shall also state that application for a vote of money to be raised for the purpose herein before specified, will be submitted at said meeting; which notice shall be given by the said overseers at the request of either of the said trustees, and any five freeholders of the said township.

II. Be it further enacted, that, from and after the publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the county of Lunenburg, at their general sessions of the peace, from time to time to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary and expedient to be observed and followed by the inhabitants of the said county, in collecting and taking away eel grafts, or other sea manure, which may from time to time be driven by the sea and lodged upon the shore of the common or public lands within the county.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons shall transgress any such of the rules or regulations, so to be made as aforesaid, or shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding forty shillings for every county; one half thereof to the person complaining, and the other half to the use of the poor of the township where the offence shall be committed.

IV. And be it further enacted, that this act shall continue in force three years from the publication hereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General Assembly.