

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Eleventh day of February, 1819, in the Fifty-Ninth 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 First Session of the Eleventh General Assembly, convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, by Lottery, for the purpose of Building a Bridge over the River Avon, at the Point of Rocks so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants.**

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, with the advice and consent of His Majesty's council, to appoint five fit and proper persons, to be managers and directors for framing, making, carrying on, and drawing, a lottery, consisting of six classes, for the purpose of raising a sum of money not exceeding nine thousand pounds, upon such scheme and plan as the majority of such managers, and directors shall think fit, which managers, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall and may issue tickets in, and conduct, carry on and draw, the said lottery, in such way and manner, and by such means, as they shall think proper and convenient.

II. And be it further enacted, that such managers and directors shall cause each class of the said lottery to be publicly drawn in the town of Halifax, within six calendar months after they shall first advertise the sale of tickets respectively. Provided, that within that period, the tickets then be all sold, and shall give notice in the Royal Gazette printed in the town of Halifax, of the day on which the drawing each class shall commence, at least thirty days before the day on which such drawing shall begin, and shall complete the drawing of each class within ten days after they shall begin to draw the same; and shall, within thirty days after each class shall be drawn, cause a list, with the amount of each and every prize, to be in like manner published in the Royal Gazette, aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted, that the sum to be paid for and in respect of the said fortunate tickets, shall be issued and paid upon demand by the treasurer of the province, out of the funds arising from the said lottery, to the respective proprietors of such fortunate tickets, within thirty days after the drawing of each class of said lottery, or as soon thereafter as certificates can be made out for ascertaining the sums to be paid on such tickets, which tickets, after the drawing each class of said lottery is completed and ended, shall be exchanged for certificates, to be signed by a majority of the managers or directors.

IV. And be it further enacted, that every manager or director to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall, previous to his acting as a manager or director, take the following oath, viz:—  
A. B. do swear that I will honestly and faithfully execute the trust reposed in me, as a manager or director of the lottery authorised by an act of the General Assembly of this

province, for raising a sum of money not exceeding nine thousand pounds, for the purpose of building a bridge over the River Avon, at Windsor; that I will not do, countenance or authorise any indirect act or means for the purpose of obtaining a prize or fortunate lot for myself or any other person whomsoever, and that I will do the best of my power and ability, cause such lottery to be fairly and impartially conducted and drawn, and the prizes or fortunate numbers to be rightly, truly and publicly, proclaimed and made known. So help me God.

V. And be it further enacted, that every person whom the said directors or managers shall employ in conducting, carrying on, and drawing, the said lottery, shall, before they enter on such employment, take the following oath, viz:—I A. B. do swear that I will faithfully and honestly demean myself in all things wherein I shall be employed in conducting, carrying on, and drawing, the lottery, authorised by an act of the general assembly, for raising a sum of money not exceeding nine thousand pounds, for the purpose of building a bridge over the River Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the county of Hants. So help me God.

VI. And be it further enacted, that the net proceeds of the said lottery shall be applied to and for the erecting a bridge, of wood or stone and other materials, of a suitable construction, across the river Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the county of Hants, and to be applied to such purpose by Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of His Majesty's council.

VII. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners shall give security for the faithful performance of their trust, in the same manner as any other commissioners are bound, and shall in like manner be accountable to the legislature for the expenditure of the monies they may receive for the purpose.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that the proceeds of each class of the said lottery shall, previous to the drawing the respective classes, be paid by the commissioners to the treasurer of the province; to be drawn from thence by warrant from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, pursuant to the provisions of this act.

IX. And be it further enacted, that, within three months after the commencement of the drawing of the first class of the lottery, it shall be lawful for the commissioners, who shall be appointed to erect the said bridge, or the major part of them, to commence building the same, which said bridge shall be so constructed as to admit, at suitable times of the tide, the passage of ships or vessels up and down the said river.

X. And be it further enacted, that nothing herein contained shall be in force or effect, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known thereon.