

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Fourteenth Day of February, 1822, in the Third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. and ended on the Third Day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, being the First Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

3 George IV – Chapter 1

An Act to amend the several Acts, passed in the thirty-second and thirty-fourth years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, for confirming Titles to Land, and quieting Possessions; and an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, entitled, “An Act to amend the several Acts, passed in the thirty-second and thirty-fourth years of His late Majesty George the Second, and in the first, fifth and twelfth years of His present Majesty’s reign, relative to the Registering of the Deeds and Conveyances, made of, or which may affect, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.”

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the registry of all deeds, made as the law directs, by the deputy-registrars, in the several counties, towns and districts, shall be deemed, and taken to be, good and valid, although certificates of the registry thereof, may not have been duly returned to the registrar’s office in Halifax, and although entry thereof may not have been there made as the said act directs.

And whereas, doubts are entertained whether the registry heretofore made of any deeds is good and valid, unless previous to such registry having been made, the persons for whose use such deeds have been executed shall have taken the oaths directed in and by the acts of the thirty-second of His late Majesty George the Second chapter second, section third.

II. Be it therefore enacted, that all deeds, and the registry thereof, heretofore made, or which may be hereafter made, shall be deemed and taken to be good and valid, although the oaths mentioned in said act, may not have been taken by the persons named in such deeds, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the registrar of deeds to appoint deputies, in all such places, townships or settlements, as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty’s council, shall appoint and direct.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the commissions or deputations to be given to such deputies, shall particularly mention the townships or settlements for which such deputy shall be appointed, and shall describe the extent and limits thereof.

V. And be it further enacted, that all deeds and conveyances, conveying any lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which do not lie within any settlement or township, for which a deputy-registrar shall have been appointed, shall be registered at the office of the registrar residing in the county town where the sessions of the peace shall be held, for such county wherein such lands lie, and not in the registrar's office in the nearest town or district as heretofore required.

VI. And be it further enacted, that no judgment obtained in any court of law within this province, shall operate as a lien upon the real estate of any defendant or defendants, beyond one year from the signing of such judgment, as aforesaid, unless the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall, within one year from the signing of such judgment take out execution, and have the same extended on the real estate of such defendant or defendants, unless such judgment shall have been obtained previous to the passing of this act, in which case it shall and may be lawful to take out execution within six months from the publication hereof.