

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 29

An Act for the greater security of the Town of Halifax against Fire, and the preventing the Erection of Wooden Buildings, beyond a certain height, within the same.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person to build or erect any dwelling-house, store, stable, or other out-house, within the following limits of the town of Halifax, to wit: commencing at Morris Street, in the south suburbs, and extending to Cornwallis street, in the north suburbs, exceeding the following dimensions, that is to say: thirty feet in depth from the range of the street on which such dwelling-house, store, stable or other out-house, shall adjoin; twenty feet in height, from the surface of the stone-wall which encloses the cellar, which wall shall not exceed two feet above the surface of the street, adjoining the said dwelling-house, store, stable, or other out-house, to the ridge pole or highest elevation of the building, except such dwelling-house, store, stable, or other out-house, shall be made and constructed of stone, brick, or timber faced with brick, with firewalls of brick or stone, rising at least twelve inches above the roof, and covered with tile, tin, or slate, or other safe materials against fire.

II. And be it further enacted, that if any dwelling-house, store, or other building, shall be erected, constructed, covered or roofed, contrary to this act, except as herein before excepted, the proprietor or proprietors thereof shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds; and the further sum of ten pounds for every month such offence shall be and continue; and the workmen who shall build, construct, raise, erect or roof, such dwelling-house, store or other building, contrary to this act, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds, to be recovered, with costs of suit, by any person who shall sue, or prosecute for the same to effect, by bill, plaint or information, in His Majesty's supreme court of this province: the one half thereof to the person so prosecuting, and the other half to the use of the poor of the said town of Halifax.

III. Provided always, that nothing in this act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any wooden buildings, that may hereafter be erected within sixty feet from the east side line of Water street, into the harbour, or the westward of Barrack street, Pleasant street, in the south suburbs, and Gotengin street [Gottingen Street], in the north suburbs. And provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any person from erecting any wooden building, or addition to a wooden building, who shall have made, contracted for, or procured, any frame for a wooden building, or addition to a

wooden building, before the first day of March, in this present year, provided such frame shall be erected and put up on or before the first day of June next, after the passing of this act. And provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person from repairing or roofing any wooden building, which shall have been built before the passing of this act.