

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.

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An Act to revive, continue, alter and amend, an Act, made and passed in the fifty-seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, “An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.”

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the said act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, “An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions,” and every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, except such parts thereof as are hereinafter altered and amended, be revived and continued in force, for the township of Halifax, for one year from the publication hereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.

II. And be it further enacted, that when the whole dealing or cause of action shall not exceed three pounds, no more fees than seven shillings and six pence shall be taxed in the said cause; and where the cause of action shall not exceed twenty shillings, no more fees than five shillings shall be taxed. Provided always, that where the debt or cause of action, or the sum for which judgment shall be obtained, shall not exceed five shillings, no costs shall be taxed or allowed: and provided also, that no greater sum than three shillings shall be taxed or allowed to the board of commissioners in any one cause.

III. And be it further enacted, that the commissioners, appointed or to be appointed under the said act, shall proceed to hear and determine all causes in which they have jurisdiction in a summary way, by examining witnesses on oath, and determine the same with the least possible delay, and to give judgment thereon.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the said court shall be held four times in every year, to wit: on the first Monday in the months of February, May, August, and November, and that each term shall not continue more than four days.