

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Eighth day of January, 1824, in the Fourth 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. being the Fourth Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

4 George IV – Chapter 4

An Act to Punish Persons guilty of maliciously killing or maiming Cattle.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that if any person or persons shall, maliciously, unlawfully and willingly, kill, main, wound, or otherwise hurt, any horse, mare, gelding, ox, bull, cow, steer, heifer, sheep, or other cattle, every such offender or offenders shall forfeit and pay unto the party aggrieved, treble the damage which he or they shall sustain, to be recovered by action or trespass, or upon the case, in any of His Majesty's courts of record in this province.

II. And be it further enacted, that any person or persons who shall be duly convicted of such offence, in His Majesty's supreme court, or general or quarter sessions of the peace, shall suffer such punishment by imprisonment, or public whipping, as such court shall, in their discretion, adjudge. Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall subject any person to be punished or imprisoned, under the directions of this clause, who shall be proceeded against for damages by the party aggrieved; nor shall any person who shall have been punished or imprisoned, under the directions of this clause, be liable to any suit or action, at the instance of the party aggrieved, but such punishment or imprisonment shall be forever a bar to any such action or suit.

III. And be it further enacted, that the act, passed in the eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of Cattle," with every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, be, and the same is hereby repealed.