

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 8

An Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act for consolidating, and reducing into one Act, all the Acts, heretofore made, relating to Trespasses.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that an act, made and passed in the third year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for consolidating, and reducing into one Act, all the Acts, heretofore made, relating to Trespasses," and every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, except such parts thereof as are hereby altered and amended, be continued, and the same is hereby continued, for three years, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.

Whereas, difficulties have arisen in committing of trespassers to jail, who refuse and neglect to pay the fines imposed by the said act:

II. Be it therefore enacted, that in all cases, where a recovery shall be had before one justice of the peace, for any sum of money under and by virtue of this act, that the same shall be levied and collected in the same manner as in cases of other debts recoverable before one justice, and by the form of execution now in use; and the defendant or defendants, shall be liable to be imprisoned for want of goods and chattles under such execution, as in cases of other debts as aforesaid.

And whereas, the time of six months has been found too limited a period for commencing prosecutions under this act:

III. Be it therefore enacted, that, from and after the publication of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons entitled thereto, to commence such prosecutions at any time within one year from the time of the committing of the offence.