

*Ordinances of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Cape Breton passed in the year 1787.* National Archives of the United Kingdom CO 219/1.

27 George III – Chapter 3

**An Ordinance for Stating and Examining the Public Accounts of the Government of Cape Breton and Its Dependencies.**

Be it Ordained and Ordered by the Lieutenant Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council and by the Authority of the same. It is hereby Ordained and Ordered.

That all the Accounts of all the receipts Issues and Expenditures of Monies, Provisions, building Materials, Clothing, Stores, and all other Articles whatever procured had used or laid out for the Support of Government in any wise whatever, shall be laid before the Committee of His Majesty's Council at their Meeting for that purpose on the first Mondays and Tuesdays of each Month for the Examination, approbation and allowance in such Form and manner as by Council shall be Judged proper, and all such Approbations and Allowances of His Majesty's Council of Accounts that shall be Passed shall be <sup>^</sup>to the several Persons concerned a Sufficient Discharge.

Be it Ordained that all Monies arising from the operation of any Revenue, Act, or Ordinance of this Government shall be accounted for unto His Majesty in Great Britain and to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury or high Treasurer for the Time being.-

And Whereas great inconveniencies have arisen for want of proper and regular Accounts being duly given in from Persons who have been entrusted with receipts, Care, Charge, Expenditures or Issues of Money, Provisions, building Materials, Clothings or Stores &c. And Whereas also several Persons having Demands or pretending to have Demands on this Government, and who do not bring in there xxx Accounts for a long Time after the same became due or was said to become due, and through xxx length of Time or the Death or absence of Persons the possibility of detecting Frauds is prevented by means of which of which the Government has been, and may be greatly injured. – Be it therefore Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that all Persons having Claims or Demands against this Government either for Work, done, Goods Supplied or Services of any kind which may have become due or owing to them or who may hereafter have any Demands as aforesaid shall bring in their Accounts for the same before the Sixth Day of April next to be examined and Audited by a Committee of Council as aforesaid; And all Persons who have been Employed at the Public expence either by or under the Directions of the Superintendants pay, Masters or Overseers of the Works and Labors heretofore carried on in this Government or any one and every one of them who have not given in their Accounts and shall wilfully delay neglect or refuse forthwith to give in such Just and true Accounts as by His Majesty's Council shall be Judged proper of all Receipts of Monies Provisions Stores &c. intrusted to their respective Care and Charge and of the Disposal, Issues and Expenditures thereof shall for every Offence forfeit the Sum of ten Pounds to His Majesty to be applied for the Support of this Government and accounted for to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury and shall furthermore be liable to pay all Cases Damages and Costs occasioned thereby in any cases whatever. – And it is also Ordained that

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no Account shall be admitted or Paid when the same shall not have been brought in within the Times limited by this Ordinance.

Approved, Ordained and Ordered  
accordingly in Council this 3rd  
Day of February 1787 in the  
27th Year of His Majesty's Reign.  
J. F. W. Des Barres

Passed in Council }  
this 3d Feby 1787. }

(Signed) Alexr Haire.  
Geo: Rodgers.  
Ranna Cossit.  
Geo: Moore.