

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1797.* Fredericton: Christopher Sower, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1797.

37 George III – Chapter 5

**An Act to prevent the Growth of Thistles. Passed the 18th February 1797.**

Whereas, the growth and increase of Thistles tend to impede the cultivation and improvement of lands in many parts of this province: And whereas, it is difficult to make regulations that will be beneficial to the different counties.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace or the major part of them in the several and respective counties be and they are hereby empowered and authorised at any General Session, upon presentment of the Grand Jury that the same is necessary, to make such rules and regulations for the destruction of Thistles and to prevent the growth and increase thereof as to them shall seem meet. And to enforce such rules and regulations with such rewards, penalties, and forfeitures as they in their discretion shall think fit.

Provided, That no penalty, or forfeiture to be incurred by any regulation, so to be made, shall for any one offence exceed the sum of twenty shillings.

II. And be it further enacted, That this act shall continue and be in force five years and no longer.