

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1820. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1820.

60 George III – Chapter 23

An Act to provide for, and encourage the settlement of Emigrants in this Province. Passed the 29th of March 1820.

Whereas it is deemed expedient for the interests of the Province, to facilitate the settlement of industrious and enterprising Emigrants from the Mother Country—

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant- Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a number of discreet persons, not exceeding three in each of the Counties of this Province, which persons when so appointed, shall serve as a Committee in their respective Counties, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the characters, testimonials, and claims, of all such Emigrants as may arrive at, or come into their respective Counties from the Mother Country, with an intention of becoming settlers therein, and shall also enquire into the probable means that such Emigrants possess, of becoming useful settlers in the Province; and in all cases where such investigation shall prove satisfactory, the Committee making such enquiry shall report and recommend such Emigrants to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, for location tickets for the lots to be surveyed and laid out in the several Counties as is hereafter mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the accommodation of pool Emigrants, such a number of lots, and to contain so many acres each as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, maybe pleased to limit any direct, shall be laid out and surveyed in the several Counties of this Province, and in such parts of the said Counties, as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, shall think expedient.

III. And be it further enacted, That whenever His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, shall be pleased to grant a location ticket to any Emigrant for any of the lots so to be laid out and surveyed as aforesaid, upon the recommendation of any of the Committee so to be appointed for the several Counties as aforesaid, the same shall be granted upon the like terms and conditions upon which location tickets have heretofore been given to poor Emigrants.

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall be represented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by any of the Committees of the several and respective Counties, that a settlement or settlements have been formed upon the lots in any of the Counties, so laid out and surveyed as aforesaid, by Emigrants, and that the same, from their interior and remote situation, require a road or roads to be made for the accommodation thereof, that then and in such case, the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in

Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, is hereby empowered to order and direct a road or roads to be laid out for the accommodation of such settlement or settlements, under the direction of the Committee of the County in which such settlement or settlements shall be made.

V. And be it further enacted, That in order to defray the expenses of laying out and surveying the said lots in the said several and respective Counties of this Province, and for laying out and making roads for the accommodation of the settlers in the same, there shall be allowed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, the sum of eight hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Province Treasury, and to be by him expended and laid out, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, for the purposes herein before mentioned.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall keep an exact account of the monies expended by them or under their direction, by virtue of this Act, and shall produce vouchers therefore, which account and vouchers shall be transmitted by them respectively; to the office of the Secretary of the Province, for the inspection of the General Assembly.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years, and from hence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.