

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax on Thursday the 13th day of February, 1862, in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, defender of the faith, &c., &c., &c., being the third session of the twenty-third General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

* In the time of His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, Lieutenant-Governor; Edward Kenny, President of the Legislative Council; A. C. McDonald, Speaker of the Assembly; Joseph Howe, Provincial Secretary; and Alexander James, Clerk of Assembly.

CHAPTER 1.

An Act relating to the Gold Fields.

(Passed the 31st day of March, A. D. 1862.)

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35. Commissioners to negotiate with owners for purchase. Proceedings in case they cannot agree.