

Cap. II

An ACT for the REGISTRING of LETTERS PATENT and GRANTS made under the GREAT SEAL of the province of NOVA SCOTIA, of LANDS now situate within the limits of this PROVINCE.

WHEREAS it is necessary as well for ascertaining the rights of the crown as for ascertaining and securing the rights and estates of his Majesty's subjects in this province, that all grants of lands should be publicly registred. Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That all letters patent and grants heretofore made and passed under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia*, of lands, tenements, hereditaments, now situate, lying and being within this province, shall and may be registred at full length by the several grantees therein named, their several and respective heirs and assigns in the office of the secretary and register of the records of this province, within the space of one year. Letters patent and grants under the Great Seal of *Nova-Scotia* of lands &c. in this province to be registred in the office of the secretary and register of this province within one year.

And be it further enacted, That the said several grantees, their several and respective heirs and assigns, may within the said term of one year, produce to the secretary and register, to be by him entered and registred as aforesaid, any and all such letters patent and grants so made and passed as aforesaid, under the great seal of the said province of *Nova Scotia*, or a copy and copies of the same, duly attested and authenticated by and under the hand of the register of the said province of *Nova Scotia*, or exemplified under the great seal of the same province. And the said secretary and register of the records of this province is hereby authorized and required to register at full length among the records of letters patent and grants of lands made and passed under the great seal of this province, all such letters patent and grants made under the great seal of the said province of *Nova Scotia*, and such copy or copies thereof so duly attested, authenticated and exemplified as aforesaid. Secretary and Register of this province required to register letters patent and grants under the great seal of *Nova-Scotia*, or copies duly attested, &c.

And be it further enacted, That if any grantee or grantees, their several and respective heirs and assigns, shall neglect to register in manner as is herein provided, any letter patent, grant or grants, made and passed under the great seal of the province of *Nova Scotia*, of lands, tenements and hereditaments, now situate lying and being within this province for a longer term than the said space of one year, such grantee and grantees, their several and respective heirs and assigns, shall be forever after precluded and barred, of and from all rights, title and claim, in and to such lands, tenements and hereditaments, in any such letters patent or grants contained, and all such letters patent and grants not registred as aforesaid, within the term aforesaid, shall be vacated, and cancelled, and are hereby declared to be null and void, and of no effect in law against the King's Majesty his heirs and successors, or against any grantee under the great seal of this province. Letters patent and grants under the great seal of *Nova-Scotia*, not registred in this province within one year to be void and of no effect against any grant under the great seal of this province.