

C A P. II.

AN ACT, intituled, an Act for appointing Commissioners to superintend and direct the Maintenance and Support of certain Poor Persons known by the general Appellation of Transient Poor.

***** *HEREAS the Maintenance and Support of certain Poor Persons known by the general Appellation of Transient Poor, are found extremely burthensome and expensive to this Province, and tend greatly to the Encouragement of Idleness and Vice.*

I. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and House of Assembly, That from and after the First of May next ensuing, no Poor Person whatever shall be received into the Work-House or Poor-House in Halifax, or any other Place in this Province under the Designation of Transient Poor or Persons to be maintained from the Province Treasury, but each Town shall maintain their own Poor, agreeable to an Act passed in the Tenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province."*

From the 1st May no Transient Person to be admitted into the Poor House.

And whereas it is necessary to provide a Maintenance for such Poor as heretofore have been deemed and received as Provincial or transient Poor, that their Maintenance and Support should be under the Direction and Controul of certain Commissioners hereafter to be appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being.

II. *Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioner on such Appointment as aforesaid, and full Power and Authority is hereby given to the said Commissioners to take under their Care and Direction such Poor Persons as are at present maintained out of the public Revenue of this Province, and that the said Commissioners on being appointed as aforesaid, shall faithfully examine and inspect the various Dispositions of Poor Persons in the Town of Halifax, and on such Examination and Inspection to receive and take under their Care and Direction such Poor Persons now maintained as Transient Poor as to them the said Commissioners may appear to be without any legal Settlement in any particular Town within this Province, and that the said Commissioners shall and may either continue the said Poor in the Poor-House in Halifax or place them out to board collectively or seperately in any Part of the Province, or take such other Ways and Means for the Maintenance and Support of such Poor as to the said Commissioners shall seem proper, and least expensive to the Public.*

Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor, to take charge of the Transient Poor.