

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, begun and holden at *Halifax*, on the Twenty Eighth Day of *May*, Anno Domini 1765, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the First Day of *July*, 1767, in the Seventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Fourth Session of the Fourth GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened in the said Province.

C A P. I.

An ACT to prevent Trespasses upon Crown Lands.

HEREAS sundry evil minded Persons have presumed, not only to take possession of ungranted Lands in this Province, but also, without Leave from Government, to encourage ignorant Persons to settle on such Lands, without obtaining any Grant thereof; which Practices are highly offensive to the Honor and Dignity of the Crown, Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That any Persons convicted in manner hereafter mentioned, either of possessing themselves of any ungranted Lands in this Province, or that shall presume to place thereon any Inhabitants, or occupy such Lands in any manner whatever, without Leave in Writing first obtained for that Purpose, from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, may and shall be prosecuted for the same, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, and upon due Conviction thereof by the Oath of one credible Witness, shall be adjudged to forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Preamble.

Any Persons possessing themselves of, or occupying &c. any ungranted Lands, without leave in Writing from the Governor &c. shall forfeit £50.