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At the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, begun and holden at *Halifax*, on the Sixth Day of *June*, *Anno Domini* 1770, in the Tenth 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 Sixth Day of *June*, *Anno Domini* 1777, in the Seventeenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth *General Assembly* convened in the said Province.

C A P. I.

An ACT for regulating the Price of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*.

B *E* it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, held for the County of *Halifax*, shall and may, and they are hereby impowèred, as often as Occasion may require from Time to Time, to regulate and settle the Prices of all Kinds of Butchers Meat in the Township of *Halifax*, according to the best of their Judgement, respect being had to the Season of the Year and the Prices of Provender.

The Justices in Sessions to regulate and settle the Price of all kind of Butchers Meat in *Halifax*.

II. *And be it further Enacted*, That the said Justices shall immediately after the said Regulation so made, cause the same to be posted up in the most public Places by the Provost-Marshal or his Deputy.

and Cause the Regulations to be posted up in the most publick Places

III. *And be it also further Enacted*, That if any Person shall upon Complaint made before any two Justices be convicted of buying, selling, purchasing or receiving, or agreeing to buy, sell, purchase or receive any Butchers Meat at any greater Prices than shall be so assessed, such Person or Persons shall forfeit double the Value of the Meat so sold or bought, or agreed to be sold or bought, to be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, one Half to be paid to the Prosecutor, and the other Half to the Overseers of the Poor for the Use of the Poor of the said Township.

any Person convicted of buying, selling, or agreeing to buy or sell meat at greater Prices, shall forfeit double the Value of the Meat sold or bought.

IV. *And*

This Act to be in Force one Year.

IV. *And be it Enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for one Yeat, and until the End of the Session of the *General Assembly* then next following.

C A P. II.

AN ACT for restraining the exorbitant Price of Labour.

The justices of Peace in the several Counties, &c. to regulate the Wages of Artificers and Labourers,

**** E it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and B *** Assembly*, That as soon as may be, after the First Day of July next, the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties in this Province and in the Townships, impowered by Law to hold Special Sessions, shall meet together at such Places where the Sessions of the Peace are usually held, and also within Six Months thereafter, taking into Consideration the Circumstances of the Times and Prices of Provisions, assess the Wages of all Artificers and Labourers, according to the best of their Judgment, for any Labour or Work to be done, by the Day, Week, Month or Year.

and cause the Assessment or Regulation under the hand of Clerk of the Peace to be posted up in the most publick Places in each Township.

II. *And be it Enacted*, That the said Justices, shall immediately after the said Assessment made, cause the same to be certified under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace, and posted up in the most public Places in the several Townships within such County by the Provost Marshal or his Deputy, or one of the Constables.

any Person giving greater Wages on Conviction before two Justices to forfeit not exceeding £. 15 nor less than £. 5.

III. *And be it also further Enacted* That if any person employing any Labourer or Artificer shall offer or agree for, or give greater Wages than shall be so assessed, every person convicted thereof, upon Complaint made before two Justices of the Peace shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Fifteen pounds nor less than Five pounds, for the Use of the Poor of the Township where such person resides, and be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, and if any Artificer or Labourer shall take and receive greater Wages than shall be so assessed, such Artificer or Labourer shall upon Conviction in manner aforesaid, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings for the Use aforesaid, and on Non-payment thereof, be committed to the Goal, of the County or place where the Offence shall be committed for the Space of one Month.

and any Artificer or Labourer taking greater Wages on Conviction to forfeit not exceeding £ 5. nor less than 40.

this Act to Continue for one Year.

IV. *And be it Enacted*, That this Act shall continue and remain in Force for one Year, and until the End of the Session of the *General Assembly* then next following.

O A P. III.

An ACT for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province.

HEREAS notwithstanding the Provision made by the Act of Parliament, and the Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, for preventing the Desertion of Seamen from his Majesty's Ships of War, and of Soldiers from his Majesty's Troops in this Province, many evil minded Persons do harbour, conceal, assist and even excite them to desert, to the great Detriment of his Majesty's Service; for Remedy whereof,

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any Person shall harbour or conceal any Stranger or idle wandering Person, who has not a Certificate or Pass from one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within this Province, or from an Officer commanding any of Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or from the commanding Officer of any Regiment, Troop or Company, to which they belong, which shall set forth from whence such Person shall have come, and the Place to which they are to pass, and shall not use his utmost Endeavour to apprehend, or cause such idle or wandering Person to be apprehended and conveyed before some Justices of Peace, such Person being thereof convicted before any two or more of his Majesty's Justices of Peace either on Confession or Oath of one credible Witness, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Ten Pounds, one Half, to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other half to the Poor of the Township where the Offense shall be committed to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles by Warrant from such Justices, and if sufficient Distress cannot be found, it shall be lawful for such Justices to commit the Person so offending to Goal, or to the House of Correction; there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time, not exceeding Four Months, nor less than two Months.

If any Person shall harbour or conceal any Stranger or wandering person who has not a Pass,

and shall not use his Endeavour to apprehend such Stranger & convey him before a Justice, on Conviction to forfeit not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Ten Pounds.

II. And be it also Enacted, That if any Person shall advise or incite any Seaman or Soldier to desert, such Person so advising or inciting shall upon Conviction by the Oath of two or more credible Witnesses before two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace be liable to a fine of Forty pounds, for the Use of the poor of the Township where the Offense shall be committed, and be levied and recovered as aforesaid, and in Failure of payment thereof, or where no sufficient Distress can be found, whereon to levy the same, such Person shall be committed to Goal or the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for Twelve Months.

Any Person advising or inciting any Seaman or Soldier to desert, shall on a Conviction be liable to a Fine of Forty Pounds.

committed.

III. Provided always that any Person who shall have been prosecuted and fined on the Act of Parliament for concealing or Harboursing Deserters shall not be again prosecuted for the same offence on this Act.

Provido.

IV. And

IV. *And provided also.* That this Act and every Clause and Article therein contained shall be of Force for and during the present Rebellion in America, and no longer.

C A P. IV.

. Geo. 3. cap. 1.
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An A C T for continuing the several Acts relating to the Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

Continued to 31st
December, 1778.

✠✠✠✠ *E it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and*
✠ B ✠ *Assembly, that an Act made in the Eight Year of his present*
✠✠✠✠ *Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Granting to His*
Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula
of Halifax, and also An Act made in the fifteenth Year of his said
Majesty's Reign, in Amendment of the said Act, shall be, and the
same are hereby continued in force from the Expiration thereof
until the Thirty first Day of December One Thousand Seven Hun-
dred and Eighty.

C A P. V.

An A C T for continuing an Act made in the 15th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, arms and Ammunition, or Salt-petre, or carrying the same Coastways.

✠✠✠✠ *E it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and*
✠ B ✠ *Assembly, That an Act made in the fifteenth year of his*
present Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act empower the
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief,
for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms
and Amunition or Salt Petre, or carrying the Same Coastways, shall
be, and continue, and the same is hereby continued in Force, from
the Expiration thereof, for and during the present Rebellion in America
only and no longer.

C A P. VI.

An A C T for continuing the several Acts for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province.

12. Geo. 3. cap. 3.
13. Geo. 3. cap. 3.

~~It~~ ~~is~~ ~~Enacted~~ by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and ~~Assembly~~, That an Act made in the 12th Year of his present Majesty's Reign intitled, An Act for raising a Fund For the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province, and an Act made in the 13th Year of his said Majesty's Reign for amending and continuing the said Act, shall be and continue, and the same are hereby continued in Force from the Expiration thereof until the 31st Day of December, 1780.

Continuance of Acts
12. Geo. 3. cap. 3.
13. Geo. 3. cap. 3.

II. *And be it also Enacted*, That from and after the First Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight, and during the Continuance of this Act, there shall be yearly raised, levied, collected and paid by every Householder and Owners or Occupiers of Lands in this Province, by and under the Limitations, Provisoes, Pains, and Penalties, and for the Purposes prescribed, directed and mentioned in, and by the said above recited Act, the like Rates and Taxes as are imposed by the said Act.

From 1st January, 1778, the like Rates to be paid as directed by Act
12. Geo. 3. cap. 3.

C A P VII.

An Act for the more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government, and for the Tryal of such offenders.

~~W~~ ~~H~~ ~~E~~ ~~R~~ ~~E~~ ~~A~~ ~~S~~ several of the Goals erected in the out Counties are very insufficient for the safe keeping and securing criminal Offenders.

Preamble.

I. *Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly*, that every Justice of Peace, authorized to examine and to commit Offenders within this Province, if they see Cause to commit any Offender for Treason or Suspicion thereof, or for any high Crimes and Misdemeanors committed against his Majesty or his Government, shall in Case the Goal of the County, from whence such Offender shall be so committed, be insufficient, cause such Offender to be conveyed to his Majesty's Goal in *Halifax*, within the County of *Halifax*, and the Provost Marshall of the said Province, or Keeper of his Majesty's Goal in *Halifax*, are, hereby required and Comanded to receive all such Offenders, them safe keep, till they shall otherwise be delivered by due Course of Law.

In Case the Goal of the County from whence any Offenders for Treason, &c. are committed is insufficient such to be conveyed to the Goal in *Halifax*.

When the Supreme Court, shall be impowered to try such Offenders, may hear, try and determine such Offences at *Halifax*.

II. *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as soon as the Supreme Court, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery shall be impowered to proceed to the Trial of Offenders for any of the Crimes aforesaid, they are hereby impower'd to hear, try and determine, all such Offences at his Majesty's Supreme Court to be held at Halifax; in and for the said County, by a Jury of the said County, any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary Notwithstanding.*

Proviso,
Act to continue in Force during the present Rebellion in America.

III. *Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That this Act and every Clause and Article therein contained shall be of Force for and during the present Rebellion in America and no longer.*

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