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C A P. II.

AN ACT for empowering the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Sunbury*, to hold Courts of *General Sessions of the Peace* at *Warrington*, on the Island of *Campo-Bello* in the said County, for the said Island, and for the District of *Passamaquoddy*, comprehending the Islands within the said District.

Preamble.

Courts of General Sessions to be held at *Warrington* 1st Tuesday's of *June* and *October*.

WHEREAS the Want of Roads and regular Ferries, and the Distance between the County Town and the District of *Passamaquoddy* makes the Attendance of Persons resident in the said District at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the said County at the County Town very inconvenient; For Remedy whereof, Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, shall and may be held and kept at *Warrington*, on the said Island of *Campo-Bello* for the said Islands and the District of *Passamaquoddy* in the County of *Sunbury* on the first Tuesday of *June* and first Tuesday of *October* in every Year, and any two or more Justices for the County of *Sunbury*, residing within the said Island and the District of *Passamaquoddy*, shall and may hold the said Courts; and such Courts shall have, hold, use, exercise and enjoy, all and singular the Powers, which are by Law already given and granted unto Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, so far as relates to all such Matters and Things as shall be cognizable by such Courts within the said Islands and District of *Passamaquoddy* in the County of *Sunbury*.

C A P. III.

AN Act declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the improving and securing the *Lumber Trade* from this Colony to *Great-Britain*, will be highly beneficial, not only to the Mother Country, but also to this Province, and whereas certain Regulations relating to the Exportation of *Square Timber* are found to be necessary;

I. Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council
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til and Assembly, That no Hewn Timber shall be deemed merchantable, or offered for Sale for the British Market as such, unless the same is Sound, properly squared, and not less than Ten Inches Square, and free of Bark, and the Surveyors of Lumber are hereby directed to Survey, measure and mark the same, and none other, for the British Market, before the same shall be shipped for Exportation, for which such Surveyor shall receive *Three Pence* per Ton and travelling Charges.

No hewn Timber shall be deemed merchantable or offered for Sale unless sound, &c. Surveyors of Lumber directed to survey, measure and mark no other for British market.

II. And be it further Enacted, That where any Contract or Bargain shall be made for any Quantity of Timber for the British Market, the same shall be understood to be according to the Directions of this Act, and no Merchant or Trader in Lumber shall be obliged to take any other, unless by particular Agreement first made for the same.

Where Contract is made for Timber for British market, to be understood to be according to directions of this Act.

C A P. IV.

An Act to repeal two Acts, made in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of his present Majesty's Reign, to enable the several Counties in this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.

10. Geo: 3d. c. 9.
11. Geo: 3d. c. 7.

*** * * * *** WHEREAS several Inconveniences and Difficulties have attended the carrying into Execution the Acts made to enable the several Counties and Townships in this Province, to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That an Act made in the Tenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act to enable the several Counties within this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives; and an Act made in the Eleventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign in Addition to, and Amendment of the said Act, and every Clause, Matter and Thing therein contained be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Two Acts for payment of Representatives repealed.

II. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be of any Force or Effect until his Majesty's Pleasure therein shall be known.

This Act not to be of force till his Majesty's pleasure be known.

C A P. V.

An ACT in further Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the thirty second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions.*

32d. Geo. 2d. c. 2.
34d. Geo. 2d. c. 4.
1. Geo. 3d. c. 3.
5. Geo. 3d. c. 8.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the great Extent of this Province, and the Difficulties attending the bringing Deeds and Conveyances from the several distant Counties and Towns within the same, to Halifax, to be registered, made it expedient and necessary for the Registers of Deeds to appoint Deputies in such Counties and Towns, and whereas it will greatly contribute to the Ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants that such Deputations be continued.

Register of the Province to appoint one or more Deputies in the several Counties.

If Deed is lost the copy from the Registry shall be allowed as evidence.

Where Deputy Registers appointed, Deed shall be registered.

An Extract & Certificate of all Deeds registered to be transmitted to the Register's Office at Halifax, within Peninsula of Nova-SCOTIA, in three Months and to the Northward of said Peninsula in six Months.

I. Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Register of this Province, to appoint one or more Deputies in the several Counties within the same, such Person being approved by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief; and all Registers and Proceedings thereon, relating to the conveying of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments within the Limits of such Deputations, shall be, and they are hereby declared authentick and valid, and if any original Deed which may hereafter be registered by the Deputy Registers, shall be lost, and Proof thereof in Court being made, that then the Registry or Record of such Deed or Deeds shall be allowed to be good Evidence in any Court of Law or Equity within this Province.

II. And be it also Enacted, That where Deputy Registers shall be appointed, all Deeds or Conveyances shall be registered in the Office of the County or District within which, such Lands do lie.

III. Provided always, and be it also Enacted, That an Extract and Certificate of all Deeds and Conveyances, touching any Lands or Hereditaments, which shall be registered or recorded by such Deputies as aforesaid within the Peninsula of Nova-SCOTIA, shall once in **Three Months** be transmitted to the Register's Office at Halifax, and of all Deeds and Conveyances, touching any Lands or Hereditaments, lying to the Northward of the said Peninsula, within **Six Months** after the Registry of such Deeds and Conveyances, and the Register of Deeds at Halifax, shall note the Time of his receiving the Certificate, and duely enter the same in the Registry at Halifax, which shall be as effectual as if the original Deed had been by him first registered, as well for those
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which have been heretofore registered by the Deputy Registers, or shall hereafter be registered by Virtue of this Act. And if any Deputy Register shall fail to transmit such Extracts to the Register's Office at **Halifax**, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for the Use and Service of the Government of this Province, the Sum of **five Pounds**, to be recovered on Complaint of the Register of the Province, before any Court of Record within the same, and such Deputy so failing, shall moreover be liable to an Action at Law for all Damages sustained by the Party aggrieved.

Deputy Register failing shall forfeit £. 5. and liable to an Action by party aggrieved.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That all Deeds heretofore registered by the Deputy Registers in the several Towns and Counties in this Province, whereof Certificates of the Registry have been duly returned to the Register's Office at **Halifax** and enter'd there, or which shall on or before the first Day of **November** next be returned and enter'd there as aforesaid, shall be deemed good and valid, as tho' the same had been duly at first enter'd in the Registry at **Halifax** aforesaid. **Provided**, That nothing herein shall extend to affect any Attachment heretofore made, or Judgment which may have been recovered on any Lands or Hereditaments, a Certificate of the Registry whereof has not already been returned as aforesaid.

All deeds heretofore registered by the Deputies, and Certificates returned, or which shall be returned before 1st Nov. next, good and valid.

C A P. VI.

An Act in further Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act made in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*"

3d. Geo. 3d. c. 7.
2d Session.
7. Geo. 3. c. 3.
8. Geo. 3. c. 5.
c. 1.
2d Session.
10. Geo. 3d. c. 2.

WHEREAS the appointing twelve Assessors for assessing the Sums voted for the Support of the Poor, is found inconvenient, at **Halifax**, as well as in the several other Townships in this Province :

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Inhabitants in each and every Town or Township in this Province, shall at their Meeting for raising Money for the Support of the Poor, choose Five Freeholders of the said Town or Township, any three of whom to be a Quorum, (and who being first duly sworn) are hereby empowered to assess the Inhabitants of such Township their Proportions of the Sum voted for the Support of the Poor, as near as may be according to their Abilities, and in case the said Assessors shall neglect or refuse

5 Freeholders to be chosen, any 3 of whom to be a Quorum to make assessment,

Assessors refusing or neglecting to meet and make Assessment, subject to a Fine of £. 5 and another to be appointed.

to meet and make the said Assessment within Twenty Days after their Appointment, each and every Person so refusing or neglecting, shall be subject to a Fine of Five Pounds, for the Use of the Poor of such Township, which shall, on Failure of Payment, be levied on Complaint of the Overseers of the Poor before two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the offender's Goods and Chattels, and another shall be appointed in his stead.

No Person obliged to serve but once in 3 Years.

II. **Provided always**, That no Person shall be obliged to serve as an Assessor oftner than once in Three Years.

No Person to be assessed unless able to pay 1s. at least.

III. **And be it further Enacted**, That no Person shall be assessed any thing towards the Support of the Poor, unless in the Opinion of the Assessors he shall be able to pay the Sum of One Shilling at least, annually.

Overseers at Halifax to warn Inhabitants to meet on 15 July 1772,

and Vote Money for support of Poor.

IV. And whereas no Monies have been raised for the Support of the Poor of the Township of **Halifax**, for this present Year; **Be it Enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for the Overseers of the Poor of the said Township of **Halifax**, to warn the Inhabitants of said Township, to meet on the Fifteenth Day of *July*, of this present Year, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Seventy Two, giving them six Days Notice, and the Inhabitants so met are hereby empowered to Vote such a Sum of Money as they shall judge necessary, for the Support and Maintenance of their Poor for the current Year, to be assessed, levied, and raised, as by the Laws of this Province is directed.

Contributions already paid towards relief of Poor to be deducted.

V. And whereas several of the Inhabitants of the Township of **Halifax**, have already voluntarily contributed and paid towards the Support of their Poor for the present Year; **Be it Enacted**, That the Collectors appointed to collect the Sum to be Voted as aforesaid, shall deduct from such Persons the respective Sums by them so contributed and paid, out of the Sum they shall be assessed by Virtue of this Act.

Former Assessments confirmed.

VI. **And be it further Enacted**, That all former Assessments heretofore made, for the Maintenance of the Poor, shall be and they are hereby confirmed, and the Arrears due thereon shall and may be collected and levied by the Collectors for the Time being, any Want of Form or Length of Time since the said Assessments have been made, notwithstanding.