

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 October, Anno Domini 1783, and in the Twenty-Third Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Sixteenth Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

* In the time of John Parr, Esq; Governor; Richard Bulkeley, President of Council; William Nesbit, Speaker; Francis Shipton, Secretary of Council; and Richard Cunningham, Clerk of Assembly.

CAP. I.

An ACT for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs, and the manner in which the Sheriffs, Clerks of the Crown, and Clerks of the Peace, shall return and pass their Accounts of all Fines and Forfeitures, which shall be imposed by their respective Courts, and which shall be levied by the Sheriffs for the use of the Crown.

The 1st, 2^d, 3^d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th sections of this Act, are repealed by 33^d. Geo. 3^d. cap. 10. See 35th Geo. 3^d. cap. 1, and 40th Geo. 3^d. a temporary Act.

And whereas great and many inconveniences have arisen, by reason of the Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Peace and Sheriffs, neglecting regularly to account for such fines and forfeitures as shall be adjudged to be levied for the King, in their respective counties :

Sheriffs, Clerks of the Crown and Clerks of the Peace, to account for all fines and forfeitures, to the Crown every six months.

VIII. *Be it therefore enacted*, That from and after the publication hereof, all Clerks of the Crown, and Clerks of the Peace in the several counties within this Province, shall once in every six months, certify, under the seal of their respective Courts into the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court at Halifax, an Account, stating therein the several fines, penalties and forfeitures adjudged to the King in their respective Courts, together with the names of the persons, who shall be adjudged to pay such fines, penalties and forfeitures; and in case such fine, penalty, or forfeiture, shall be adjudged to the Crown in any or either of said Courts within the said six months, then the Clerk of such Court shall certify the same as aforesaid; and in case any Clerk of the Crown, or Clerks of the Peace for any county within this Province, shall neglect to make returns in the manner aforesaid every six months, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay for each and every neglect the sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered on information by any person whatsoever in His Majesty's Supreme Court at Halifax, and in case any Sheriff of any county within this Province, shall neglect or delay longer than two months after his year of office shall expire, to render an account on oath to the said Clerk of the Supreme Court in Halifax

Fine for neglect five pounds.

Fine for neglect in this case for more than two

Halifax, of all such fines, forfeitures, penalties, or other debts or dues of the Crown as shall be levied by him, together with the names of the persons on whom the same shall be levied, such Sheriff, for each and every neglect as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Pounds, the same to be recovered on the information of any person whatsoever, before His Majesty's Supreme Court at Halifax, one half said penalty to go to the informer, and the other half to the Crown.

months after year of office shall expire, 20l.

IX. And be it further enacted, That at the end of every Easter Term, the Clerk of His Majesty's Supreme Court in Halifax, shall state a general account of all the fines, forfeitures and penalties adjudged to the Crown in the several Courts within this Province, particularizing each county, and the names of the persons who shall be adjudged to pay such fines, forfeitures and penalties, as also the sums levied on account thereof, and the sums that shall be then due, and the names of the persons who owe the same, which said account stated as aforesaid, the said Clerk of the said Supreme Court shall certify under the seal of said Court into the Treasury of this Province, and in case the said Clerk shall neglect to return such account in fourteen days after the end of every Easter Term, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Pounds, for each and every neglect, or omission; the same to be recovered before the said Supreme Court in Halifax, on the information of any person whatsoever, one half said penalty to go to the King, and the other half to the informer.

Clerk of the Supreme Court at Halifax shall state a general account of fines, &c.

Penalty for neglect to state and return such account, 20l.

CAP. II.

An ACT for the Relief of fundry of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, against whom Judgments have been recovered, on account of Losses sustained by the Depredations of the Enemy,

WHEREAS some persons, inhabitants of this Province, who have sustained losses by reason of the depredations of the enemy, have commenced suits, and recovered judgments against other persons, likewise inhabitants and subjects of this Province for the amount of such their losses on allegations that such persons had aided and assisted the enemy:

Preamble

And whereas there is much reason to think, that such judgments have been recovered for a much larger amount than the losses really sustained by such persons, owing to the confused state of the back part of this Province, and the difficulty that in those times attended the procuring of the attendance of witnesses:

Judgment for the just account of losses sustained to be paid.

And whereas the manner in which the said judgments have been carried into execution is grievous and oppressive, the estates of a few individuals, having been wholly seized to satisfy the same, it is fit that the losses really sustained by the persons recovering said judgments, should be paid and satisfied by all the inhabitants of this Province, who were concerned in causing such losses:

II. Wherefore, Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal to appoint three fit and proper persons to act as Commissioners for the purposes herein after mentioned, in each county within this Province, if any freeholder or freeholders of such county shall desire the same; such Commissioners to be first duly sworn, to the faithful and impartial discharge of the trust reposed in them.

Commissioners to be appointed to examine and ascertain losses.

Commissioners to be sworn.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioners after they shall have been appointed and qualified as aforesaid, to post up advertisements, for at least one month, in all the most noted places, within their county, thereby notifying all persons concerned; of the time and place, when and where, they will proceed to act under the said commission, and said Commissioners shall likewise cause a notice, under their hands and seals to be served on each person within their county, who has recovered any judgment or judgments against

Commissioners to post up advertisements to notify the concerned.

against inhabitants of this Province, for, and on account of any losses they may have sustained by the depredations of the enemy, thereby requiring them on a certain day therein to be specified, to appear before them, and there to exhibit a particular account of the losses for which he or they have recovered said judgments, and also to lay before them such proofs and evidences, as they may have to ascertain their said losses, and the said Commissioners, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, to administer oaths to, and examine all such witnesses as shall be produced before them, either by one party or the other; And after such Commissioners shall have fully heard the allegations of all parties, it shall and may be lawful for them, after giving credit for all such sums of money, or other satisfaction, as such persons shall have already received from government, as a recompence for their said losses, as also for all such sums of money as they shall have received by the sale of personal estates by virtue of such judgments, to sign and seal a report directed to the Chief Justice of His Majesty's Supreme Court, thereby ascertaining the amount of the real losses of each person or persons, who have recovered judgments as aforesaid, and likewise to transmit with their said report, a list of the persons names who are or were inhabitants of their said county, and who ought properly to be charged with the payment of such losses.

The Commissioners authorized to administer oaths to witnesses.

Commissioners to make report of their proceedings to the Supreme Court directed to the Chief Justice.

Persons who have recovered judgment neglecting to attend, Commissioners are empowered to collect the losses, upon Information.

After Report of the Commissioners duly filed, the Chief Justice &c. may proceed to confirm the Accounts and Report and set aside any Judgment surreptitiously obtained.

The Value of the real Losses to be levied and made good by Assessment.

The Execution of Judgments suspended until considered in the Supreme Court.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That if the persons who have recovered judgment as aforesaid, or any of them, shall after notice given as herein beforementioned, neglect or refuse to attend the said Commissioners with their accounts and proofs as aforesaid, that then, it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioners to collect the real amount of such person or persons losses by the best information they can, and to make a report of the same, stating therein the neglect and refusal of such person or persons to attend as aforesaid.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That after such Commissioners report shall have been filed in His Majesty's Supreme Court at Halifax, for one whole term, it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Justice of the said Court, and his associates, to take such report into consideration, and after examining the same, and hearing such affidavits as shall be filed therewith, if it shall appear to the said Court, that such judgments have been surreptitiously obtained, or that the person recovering the same have by any unfair means recovered more than the value of the real losses they sustained, or that there are any or other persons, inhabitants of such county or counties, who ought equally as well to be charged with the payment of such losses, as the person against whom such judgments have been recovered, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Judges to set such judgment, and all the proceedings had under the same aside, and to order the real losses of such person or persons recovering said judgments to be made good by an assessment to be made, and levied on the several persons, who the said Commissioners shall return in their said list as persons properly chargeable with the payment of the same.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That all judgments recovered, and all executions issued thereon by any person or persons whatsoever, against any inhabitant or inhabitants of this Province for any loss or losses sustained by the depredations of the enemy, shall, and the same are hereby suspended, until the same shall have been considered in His Majesty's Supreme Court as herein before specified.

CAP. III.

An ACT for granting the King's Most Gracious Free Pardon, to all His Subjects in this Province, for all Treasons, Misprison of Treasons, or Treasonable Correspondence committed or done by them, or any of them, in adhering to, aiding or assisting, countenancing or abetting, His Majesty's late Subjects in the Thirteen Colonies, during their Rebellion.

WHEREAS some few inhabitants, subjects of this Province, misled by a false zeal, have, during the late unhappy war in America, joined with, aided and assisted, His Majesty's late subjects the inhabitants of the thirteen colonies during their rebellion, and some few others again have corresponded with such inhabitants, whereby their lives and properties have become liable, on prosecution, for such their treasons, to be forfeited to His Majesty: Preamble.

And whereas the said war is now at an end, and it is expedient for the public welfare of this Province, that all remembrance of the causes thereof, should as speedily as possible be buried in oblivion, and in full hopes, that all His Majesty's subjects of this Province, who have made themselves liable to the pains and penalties aforesaid, may by this Act of Grace, be induced in future, more carefully to observe the laws, and to live in dutiful and loyal obedience to His Majesty:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That all and every His Majesty's subjects of this Province and their heirs, and every of them, are hereby acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged, against the King's Majesty, and His successors, of all manner of treasons, misprison of treasons, treasonable and seditious words, libels or correspondence, by them or any of them committed or done, in aiding, countenancing or assisting, His Majesty's late subjects in the thirteen colonies, during their rebellion, and from all pains, penalties, forfeitures, pains of death, and pains corporeal, which may have been incurred or forfeited by them, or any of them, (before the passing this present Act) by reason or means of the said premises.

All persons guilty of Treasons acquitted, pardoned, &c. from all pains and penalties.

II. And be it further enacted, That all prosecutions now carrying on against any person or persons, coming under the aforesaid description, whether civil or criminal, shall cease, and be at an end, and that no other suits or prosecutions shall in future be commenced or prosecuted for any matter or thing comprehended in this Act.

Prosecutions to cease.

CAP. IV.

An ACT for altering and reducing the Terms of the Sitting of the Supreme Court at Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland.

This Act altered by 34th Geo. 3d. cap. 5.

Repeal'd 1826. CAP. V.

An ACT in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act made in the First year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province.

For Acts in amendment or addition to this Act, see note on 1st Geo. 3d. cap. 14.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the first section of an Act made in the fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing highways, roads, bridges and streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province, it is directed, That all public highways hereafter to be laid out, shall not be less than one hundred feet wide.

Roads to continue of the same width they were, or not to exceed sixty-six feet wide.

And whereas doubts have arisen, whether said Act extended to highways and roads then in use only:
I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and declared,* That all highways through the Province, which were in use as such at the time of making said Act should be continued of the same breadth they then were, or not to exceed sixty six feet wide.

CAP. VI.

An ACT in further addition to an Act, made in the Second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is highly necessary, that the fire engine be constantly kept in good order, and that a number of prudent persons be appointed for that purpose :

Appointment of Engine Men.

I. *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in their Sessions of the Peace for the town and county of Halifax ; and they are hereby required to appoint such number of prudent persons, not exceeding nine, who shall be denominated Engine Men, and shall have charge of the town engine, and shall be obliged to keep the same in good order and fit for service on all occasions ; and that the said persons so chosen, shall be exempted from serving on Juries, or the office of Constable during their continuance in said office.

who are exempt from serving in some other offices.

Duty of the Engine Men.

II. *And be it enacted,* That at the time of the breaking forth of fire in the said town, or suburbs, the said Engine Men shall repair to the engine, and use their utmost efforts in taking it to the place where the fire shall be discovered, and there work the same, according to their best skill and judgment, and the directions of the Firewards for extinguishing any fire so broke out.

Persons refusing to assist liable to a penalty.

III. *And be it also enacted,* That one of the Engine Men, chosen as aforesaid, shall have the power of a Fireward to command any necessary assistance in taking the engine to and from the place of fire, and any person refusing to obey such orders, shall be subject to the same fines as imposed by an Act made in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

IV.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That all necessary repairs to the said engine, shall be allowed and paid by assessment, under the order and direction of the Justices and Grand Jury in their General Quarter Sessions, to be levied on the Inhabitants of the town of Halifax.

Repairs of the Engines to be paid by Assessment.

CAP. VII.

An ACT for Establishing the Times of holding an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the Township of Shelburne.

This Act altered by the 30th Geo. 3d. cap. 6.

CAP. VIII.

An ACT for fixing the Place and Time for holding the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the County of Sunbury.

This part of the Province is now included in New-brunswick.

CAP. IX.

An ACT for the relieving His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Popish Religion from Certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed upon them by two Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the Thirty Second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act, confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions; and an Act for the Establishment of Religious public Worship in this Province, and for Suppressing of Popery.

See 32d Geo. 2d. cap. 2 and 5.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal certain provisions in the Acts, made by the General Assembly of this Province in the thirty second year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for confirming titles to lands and quieting possessions; and an Act, entitled, an Act for the establishment of religious public worship in this Province, and for suppressing of Popery, whereby certain penalties and disabilities are imposed on persons professing the popish religion:

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly*, That so much of the said Act as relates to the disabling any papist from having any right or title, to hold, possess or enjoy, any lands or tenements other than by virtue of any grant or grants from the crown; but that all deeds or wills hereafter made conveying lands or tenements to any papist, or in trust for any papist, shall be utterly null and void; and that such lands or tenements shall not revert to the persons, granting the same to any papist, or in trust for any papist, but that such lands and tenements, shall, upon conviction of such papist, be vested in His Majesty, His heirs and successors, for ever.

Repeal of former Penal Laws.

II. And that so much of said Act as subjects popish persons exercising any ecclesiastical jurisdiction or popish Priest to imprisonment and persons harbouring, relieving, concealing or entertaining any such clergyman of the popish religion, popish priest or person, exercising the function of a popish priest to penalties and punishment, shall be and the same and every clause and matter and thing herein before mentioned is and are hereby repealed.

III.

Lands, Tenements, &c. not hitherto litigated to be enjoyed by the real proprietor.

III. *And be it enacted*, That every person and persons having or claiming any lands, tenements or hereditaments under titles not hitherto litigated though derived from any descent, devise, limitation or purchase, shall have, take, hold and enjoy, the same, as if the said Acts or any thing herein contained had not been made, any thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not to affect present Suit.

IV. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to affect any suit or action now depending, which shall be prosecuted with effect and without delay.

An Oath to be taken.

V. *Provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any person or persons, but such who shall within the space of six calendar months after the passing of this Act, or of accruing of his, her, or their title being of the age of twenty one years, or who being under the age of twenty one years shall within six months after he or she shall attain the age of twenty one years, or being of unsound mind, or in prison, or beyond the seas, then within six months after such disability removed, take and subscribe an oath in the words following:

Form of the oath

I A. B. sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King George the Third, and him will defend to the utmost of my power, against all conspiracies and attempts whatever; that shall be made against His Person, Crown or Dignity, and I will do my utmost endeavours to disclose and make known to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all treasons, and traitorous conspiracies which may be formed against Him or them, and I do faithfully promise to maintain, support and defend to the utmost of my power, the succession of the Crown in His Majesty's family, against any person or persons whatsoever, hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto the person taking upon himself the stile and title of Prince of Wales, in the life time of His father, and who since His death is said to have assumed the stile and title of the King of Great-Britain, by the name of Charles the Third, and to any other person claiming or pretending a right to the Crown of these realms; and I do swear, that I do reject and detest, as an unchristian and impious position, that it is lawful to murder or destroy any person or persons whatsoever, for or under pretence of their being heretics, and also that unchristian and impious principle that no faith is to be kept with heretics. I further declare that it is no article of my faith, and that I do renounce, reject and abjure, the opinion that Princes excommunicated by the Pope and Council, or by any authority of the See of Rome, or by any authority whatsoever, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other person whatsoever; and I do declare, that I do not believe, that the Pope of Rome or any other foreign Prince, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any temporal or civil jurisdiction, power, superiority, or pre-eminence, directly, or indirectly, within this realm; and I do solemnly in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that I do make this declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the words of this oath, without any evasion, equivocation or mental reservation, whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted by the Pope or any authority of the See of Rome, or any person whatsoever, or without thinking that I am, or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope or any other persons or authority whatsoever, shall dispense with, or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void.

Oath to be competent in any Court of Record. Register of the same to be kept.

VI. Which oath it shall be competent to any of His Majesty's Courts of Record or to any Court of any General Sessions of the Peace within this Province to administer, and they are hereby required to administer the same accordingly, of the taking and subscribing of which oaths a register shall be kept and preserved.

Assented to by His Majesty.

VII. *Provided*, That nothing in this Act contained shall be of any effect until His Majesty's pleasure therein shall be known.

CAP. X.

An ACT for Establishing and Regulating Ferries.

WHEREAS the establishment of ferries in many parts of this Province, is of great utility, and renders the communication to several places, more easy and expeditious :

I. *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That from and after the publication of this Act, His Majesty's Justices in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace for each County, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to establish such ferries over rivers, bays or creeks, within their respective Counties, as may be by them thought necessary, and to agree with, and grant licenses to such persons as they shall judge meet as Ferry-men, under such rules and regulations, as they from time to time shall judge most for the good of the public ; and any person or persons, who shall agree and accept of the office or place of Ferryman, and after such agreement and acceptance shall refuse or neglect to comply with, and observe the several articles and clauses contained in said rules and regulations made as aforesaid, shall be fined by the Justices in their Sessions, in any sum not exceeding forty shillings.

II. *And be it also enacted,* That when any ferry shall be established, over any river, bay or creek, as aforesaid, and any person or persons appointed and licensed to attend the same as aforesaid, if any person or persons whatsoever shall carry or ferry over such river, bay or creek, either man or beast, for hire, unless by desire or consent of the Ferryman, or on his neglect or refusal to give due attendance, such person shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty shillings, to be recovered on complaint before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels.

III. *Provided nevertheless,* That if any Ferryman appointed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to give attendance, pursuant to the regulations made for that purpose, in every such case any other person or persons may supply the place of such Ferryman, until another be appointed and licensed as aforesaid, and receive payment for the same, in the same manner as the proper Ferryman might do if present.

Preamble.

Ferries shall be established and regulated and ferrymen appointed by Justices in Sessions,

Penalty on Ferrymen not observing the regulation, 40s.

None but the Ferrymen shall carry over either man or beast where a Ferry shall be established.

Penalty 20s.

Ferrymen not giving due attendance, any person may supply his place and until another shall be appointed.

CAP. XI.

An ACT for Establishing the Times of holding Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the District of Colchester in the County of Halifax.

WHEREAS the want of roads, and the distance between the settlements of Wilmot River, Piclou, Tatamagouche, and the district of Colchester and Halifax, occasions the attendance of persons resident in the said district and settlements at the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, held at Halifax, for the said County, not only very inconvenient, but greatly impedes the due administration of Justice in the aforesaid district and settlements ; for remedy whereof :

I. *Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly,* That an Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the said district, shall and may be holden within the township of Onslow, in the county aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of February, and the first Tuesday in August, in every year.

II. *And be it also enacted,* That all and every the Laws of this Province, respecting the balloting, summoning and attendance, of Jurors, ordering and taking special bail, the service of writs and executions, or which relate to order and direct either the practical or judicial proceedings of the Courts of Law in this Province, shall extend, and be construed to extend, to the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the township of Onslow, as aforesaid.

For Acts that alter this Act, see Acts 31st Geo. 3d. cap. 5. 32d. Geo. 3d. cap. 9.

Preamble.

Inferior Court to be held at Onslow first Tuesday of February and August yearly.

Laws relating to Jurors, writs, &c. to extend to said Court.

CAP. XII.

Expired.

An ACT for Licenfing Butchers, and preventing them in future from being guilty of Extortion, and other Mifbehaviour.

CAP. XIII.

Expired.

An ACT for regulating Inns, and Taverns, on all the Public Roads throughout this Province, and efbablifhing the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers and their Horfes.

CAP. XIV.

Expired.

An ACT for continuing the feveral Laws relating to the Duty on Licenfed Houfes.

CAP XV.

Expired.

An ACT for continuing the feveral Acts of the General Affembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impoft and Excife on Wines, Beer, Rum, and other Diftilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing the feveral Acts of the General Affembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Excife on Molaffes and Brown Sugar, fold within, or brought into, this Province, and for the more effectual improving, and extending the Trade of this Colony to the Weft-Indies.

CAP. XVI.

Expired.

An ACT for efbablifhing the ftandard Weight of Grain, and for appointing proper Officers for meafuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and afcertaining the ftandard fize of Bricks.

CAP. XVII.

Expired.

An ACT for continuing feveral Acts that are near expiring.

CAP. XVIII.

An ACT in amendment of, and for continuing an Act made in the last General Affembly of this Province, entitled, an Act to raife a Sum of Money towards keeping in repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windfor, and the Diftrict of Colchefter. Expired.

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 feveral Prorogations until the Firft Day of November, Anno Domini 1784, and in the Twenty-Fifth Year of His faid Majesty's Reign, being the Seventeenth Seflion of the Fifth General Affembly convened in the faid Province.*

* In the time of John Parr, Esq; Governor; Bryan Finucane, Chief Justice and President of Council; Thomas Cochran, Speaker; Richard-Bulkeley, Secretary of Council; and Richard Cunningham, Clerk of Affembly.

CAP. I.

An ACT for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable for the Payment of Debts, also to enable the Holders of small Mortgages to sell the Premises, mortgaged to them, more speedily, and at less expence, than heretofore, as also to repeal an Act made in the Thirty Second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts.

This Act not assented to by His Majesty.

CAP. II.

An ACT to empower the Justices in the several Counties within this Province to issue Summons' for the Attendance of Witnesses on Trials.

See note on 14th and 15th Geo. 3d. cap. 4.

WHEREAS great inconveniences attend the summoning witnesses, whose place of residence is distant from the place where the Court for trials is held, for remedy whereof:

Preamble.
I.