

- No. 15 An Act to empower the Justices of the several County Courts, to
 Liber H. S. make Provision for the late Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, and for
 No. 1 regulating their Conduct.

[Preamble.] Whereas the Governor and Council of Nova Scotia have thought
 it most advantageous to the British Interest, in North America, to
 transport many of the Inhabitants thereof, into other of his Majesty's
 Colonies, Numbers of whom have been brought into this Province,
 and in Compassion to their unhappy Circumstances have been per-
 mitted to Land, and have been dispersed into different Counties
 p. 280 within this Province, in order to give them an Opportunity of ex-
 exercising their own Labour and Industry, thereby to procure a com-
 fortable Subsistence for themselves: Notwithstanding which, many
 of them, through Obstinacy, and others, from Indolence, have ab-
 solutely refused and declined making Use of such Means of Sub-
 sistence, and have thereby become a considerable Burthen upon the
 charitable and well disposed People in the several Counties: For
 the Prevention whereof for the future, and to prevent such of them
 as are not able to subsist themselves from perishing.

[Justices to take care of and provide for such of the French Neutrals, as shall be real Objects of Charity.] Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by
 and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and
 the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of
 the same, That the Justices of the several Counties within this Prov-
 ince, shall, and they are hereby empowered, in the same Manner
 that they now take Care of and provide for the Poor of their
 respective Counties, to take care of and provide for such of the said
 French Neutrals in their respective Counties, as they shall deem
 to be real Objects of Charity. And if there shall be in any County, a
 greater Number of the said French Neutrals than is already allotted
 by his Excellency the Governor, that then the Justices of such
 County shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to
 convey or transport such Overplus or Part thereof to any other
 County or Counties, as will make up the Number allotted them as
 aforesaid: And the Justices of such Counties are hereby obliged
 and required to receive and dispose of the French Neutrals, so sent,
 in the best Manner they can, so as that they may become Residents
 of their respective Counties. Provided always, That none of the
 said Neutrals shall be sent into Frederick County.

[Justices to bind out such of their Children, as they shall be unable to support.] And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if
 any of the said Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia shall be unable to sup-
 port their Children by their own Labour and Industry, that then,
 and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the
 several County Courts respectively to bind out such Child or Children
 to some Person, upon the best Terms they can make, for the Ease
 of the County, as well as the Benefit of such Child, in the same
 p. 281 Manner that Orphans are bound out by the Laws of this Province.