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5 George IV – Chapter 1

An Act to continue, for a further limited time, two certain Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the Watch and Night Lights in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal. (22d March, 1825.)

Whereas it is expedient further to continue, for a limited time, and amend an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes," and a certain other Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, 'An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes,' and to increase the Funds necessary for the purposes of the said Act," the duration of which said Acts is limited to the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes," as amended by an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, 'An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes,' and to increase the Funds necessary for the purposes of the said Act." And the said last mentioned Acts shall, respectively, further continue to be and remain in Force, and all and every the duties by the said Acts respectively imposed, shall be raised, levied, collected and paid as therein mentioned and provided; and all and every the clauses, matters and things, in the said Acts respectively mentioned and contained, shall also further continue to be and remain in full force and effect until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and no longer.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace residing in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, to assemble, pursuant to notice from the Clerks of the Peace, duly signified to each of the said Justices acting in and for the said Cities, on some certain day between the twentieth and thirtieth days of April, annually, during this Act, for the purpose of electing and appointing a Committee, in each of the said Cities, consisting of any three Justices of the Peace, residing in the City for which they shall have been elected and appointed, who

shall serve for one year next after the day of their election and appointment, and shall be vested with and may exercise all and every the legal powers and authorities, with respect to the Watch and Night Lights in their respective Cities, which are actually, by Law, vested in the Justices of the Peace, residing in each of the said Cities, in that respect. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to divest the Justices of the Peace of the Jurisdiction which, by Law, they now have in the prosecutions which may occur by virtue of the aforesaid Acts.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case the election and appointment of the Justices of the Peace shall not take place within the period herein above limited and assigned, it shall nevertheless be lawful to make such election and appointment at any other time thereafter, notice, as aforesaid, being previously given, by the Clerks of the Peace, of the day when such election and appointment is to take place, as herein-above authorised and directed, and that it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the Peace, in every instance in which such election and appointment shall not have taken place within the period above-mentioned, to repeat such notice for some other day within a short time next after the failure of such election and appointment as shall be deemed convenient, and in like manner to repeat such notice, and, as often as such failure shall recur until an election and appointment of such Justices for the purposes aforesaid, shall have taken place.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that, in case of the death or removal of any one or more of the three Justices of the Peace, who may have been so appointed, it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the Peace, in like manner, to give notice of the circumstance, and to convene a similar meeting of the Justices of the Peace, for the purpose of electing and appointing one or more (as the case may be,) of the Justices of the Peace, to supply the place, in such Committee, of the Justices of the Peace who may have ceased to be one of the Committee.