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An Act for establishing a Police in the Town of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (Passed 12th July, 1819.)

Whereas, it is expedient to provide for the regulation of the Police of the Town of Niagara, in the Niagara District of this Province; Be it 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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled '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 by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the Magistrates assembled in Quarter Sessions for the said District of the majority of them, to make, ordain, constitute and publish such prudential Rules and Regulations as they may deem expedient, relative to building a Market House, paving, lighting, keeping in repair, and improving the streets of the said Town, regulating the assize of bread, slaughter houses and nuisances, and also relative to the inspection of weights, measures, fire men and fire companies. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the regulating or ascertaining the price of any commodities or articles of provision, other than bread, that may be offered for sale. Provided also, that such Rules and Regulations, be not contrary to or inconsistent with the Laws and Statutes of this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled for the said District or the major part of them, in the month of April in each and every year, may raise by assessment from the persons rated upon any assessment for property in the said Town, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, in any one year, for building a Market House, for purchasing and keeping in repair fire engines, ladders, buckets, and other utensils for the extinguishing of fires, and for making any other necessary improvements in the said Town, exclusive of the sum such person may be rated for, in, and upon any other assessment of this Province, and in order to carry such assessment into effect, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Peace for the said District to select from the general assessments of the said District, a list or assessment of the rateable property that each and every person owns or possesses in the said Town, ready to be laid before the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, for the said District, in April in each and every year, after the present year.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such assessment, as aforesaid, shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, in proportion to the sum that such person is rated for upon any assessment he may possess or hold in the said Town, and subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions for the said District, for the purpose of raising, collecting, and paying any sum collected to the Treasurer of the said District, which said

sum shall be applied from time to time, in such manner, for the purposes aforesaid, as the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, or the majority of them, shall direct and appoint.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or the major part of them, as often as they shall make and publish any such rules and regulations, for the purposes aforesaid, may make, ordain, limit, and provide such reasonable fines upon the offenders against such rules and regulations, as they may think proper, not exceeding forty shillings for any one offence, to be recovered before any Commissioner of the Peace of the said Town, upon the oath of one credible witness, and levied by warrant under the hand and seal of such Commissioner, upon the goods and chattels of such offender, and that one moiety of the sum so levied shall go to the informer, and the other moiety shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said District for the uses of the said Town.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every such rule and regulation, so made, as aforesaid, before it shall have effect, shall be posted up in three or more public places in the said Town of Niagara.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates, as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorised to order the same fees to be allowed and paid to the Treasurer, Collector, and Clerk of the Peace for the extra duties imposed by this Act as are paid to the said officers under any assessment Law of this Province.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in force for four years and no longer.