

Raising money
for the building
a market-house:
rents, &c. to go
to its repair.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of the said county, from time to time, to raise, by presentment, in the usual form, so much money as may be necessary to build, repair and erect, the said market-house; and the rent of the stalls, and standings, in said market, together with all fines and forfeitures arising in pursuance of this Act, shall be applied to the keeping of said market-house in repair, and to no other use.

CAP. IX.

An ACT in amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground, if necessary, to erect a Public Building for the accommodation of the General Assembly, Court of Chancery, Supreme Court, and Court of Admiralty, and Public Offices, and for procuring Plans and Estimates for a Building hereafter to be erected for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the aforesaid Act it is provided, that there shall be erected a range of Public Buildings, for the sittings of the General Assembly, and Courts of Justice, and for the Public Offices, and also a Government-House, for accommodation of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and by the said Act it is intended, that the said range of Public Buildings shall be first erected: and whereas the present Government-House is in so ruinous a condition, as to be unfit for the residence of the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, whereby it becomes more immediately necessary, to proceed to the erection of a house suitable for his reception and accommodation:

The erection of
Public Buildings
for sitting of Ge-
neral Assembly,
&c. to be deferred
and a house for
the accommoda-
tion of the Go-
v. nor built.

I. *Be it therefore enacted*, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the erecting of the range of public buildings, for the sittings of the General Assembly and Courts of Justice, and of the Public Offices, be deferred, and that instead thereof, a suitable house be erected, with proper offices, and conveniences, on the lot of ground purchased for the said range of public buildings, or on the ground which may be purchased contiguous thereto, for the accommodation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, which house, when erected, shall be called the Government-House of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and shall be appropriated for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the time being; and to no other use and purpose whatsoever.

Governor to ap-
point Commissi-
oners, to superin-
tend said building

II. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to nominate and appoint other Commissioners, in the room and place of such of the Commissioners nominated in the said Act, whose offices have become, or shall hereafter become vacant, by death, resignation or removal, and the persons so appointed, together with those appointed by the said Act, and continuing in their office, shall be Commissioners for building the said Government-House.

Materials collect-
ed for Public
Building, to be
used for Govern-
ment-House.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to employ and use, in the building of the Government-House hereby authorized to be erected, such parts of the materials already contracted for, or purchased for, the intended range of public buildings, as they may find necessary, and to sell and dispose of such other parts of the said materials as may not be wanted for the said Government-House: and the monies, thence arising, shall be applied, by the said Commissioners, to and for the uses of the said Government House.

IV.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, with the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, may and shall determine upon, and purchase, such and so many lots of ground in the town of Halifax, contiguous to the said lot of ground lately purchased for the range of public buildings, as may be sufficient and suitable whereon to erect a house for the accommodation of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being. *Provided always*, That the purchase money of such lots do not exceed the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds. *And provided also*, That the whole expence of building, and fully completing the said Government-House within, and without, with all the suitable conveniences, shall not exceed the further sum of five thousand four hundred pounds.

Purchase of lot of ground, whereon to erect the government house of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as the said Government House shall be erected, and completed, fit for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and he shall have removed thither, the house and lot of ground now used and appropriated as the Government-House, shall be used and appropriated for the sitting of the General Assembly and the Courts of Justice, and such Public Offices as it will accommodate, or which may be built, or provided, on the said lot of ground.

Old government house to be appropriated to the sittings of the General Assembly, Courts, &c.

CAP. X.

An ACT to compel the attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the several General and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the respective Counties of this Province.

WHEREAS great inconveniences have been experienced for the want of a regular attendance of the Magistrates at the several Courts of General and Quarter Sessions of the Peace throughout the Province, and whereas it is highly expedient that a sufficient number of Justices should attend at said Courts, to transact the public business of the several Counties, and to regulate the important concerns which are by law entrusted, and made subject, to their controul and jurisdiction:

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore enacted*, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That, from and after the publication hereof, the Clerks of the Peace for the several Counties of this Province, shall, at every Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the respective Counties, and on every day of the meeting of said Court, enter into a book, to be prepared for that purpose, the names of every Justice of the Peace who shall attend at such Court, and assist in the business which shall then be brought before the said Court, and if any such Justice of the Peace shall leave the said Court before the business of the day shall be completed, or without obtaining the consent of the major part of the Magistrates then sitting in said Court, his name shall not be entered in the said book for that day, but shall be omitted as though he had totally absented himself from such meeting.

Clerks of the Peace, at every Court of Sessions, to note in a book, the attendance of Justices at such Court.

Justices leaving the Court before the business is completed to be entered as absent.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the Clerks of the Peace, for the several Counties where the Supreme Court usually sits, shall, on the first day of the sitting of the said Supreme Court, in the respective counties, next after any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for such county, return into the said court, under his hand, a list of all such magistrates, as have wholly neglected to attend at such preceding Sessions, and the several Clerks of the Peace for the counties, or districts, where the said Supreme Court does not ordinarily sit, shall, within six months after any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for such county or district, make a list in manner aforesaid, of all Magistrates who shall have neglected to attend at such Sessions as aforesaid, and return such list into the said Supreme Court at Halifax; and if any

The names of Justices neglecting to attend Court of Session, to be returned to the Supreme Court, by Clerk of the Peace.