

CAP. XXXI.

An Act in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for the better and more effectual administration of the office of a Justice of the Peace in the Township of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

WHEREAS it is enacted, by the before in part recited Act, 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, to appoint from among the Justices of the Peace for the County of Halifax, three fit and proper persons, one of whom, in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace, for the said County, shall diligently attend daily at the Public Police Office in the Town of Halifax, as a Police Magistrate, for which service there shall be paid to such Justice, who shall daily attend at such Office, for each and every day of his attendance as aforesaid, the sum of eleven shillings and eight pence per diem. Preamble

And whereas, John George Pyke, Esquire, the present Police Magistrate in the Town of Halifax, hath, during nearly fifty-five years, actively discharged the duties of a Magistrate in the County of Halifax, and many other Public services; and since the establishment of a Police Office, the duties of a Police Magistrate:

And whereas, it is expedient that the said John George Pyke should, from his length of service, and his advanced period of life, enjoy retirement:

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the said John George Pyke shall, for and during his natural life, enjoy the aforesaid sum of eleven shillings and eight pence per diem, without being compelled to give his daily attendance at the said Police Office. Allowance to J. G. Pyke

II. And be it further enacted, That after the death of the said John George Pyke, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint one fit and proper person to discharge the duties of Police Magistrate in his room. Lieutenant Governor may appoint Police Officer

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no part of the said allowance to the said John George Pyke, or any other person, or any other expence now or hereafter to be incurred, in the carrying into effect this present Act, or any other Act respecting the establishment and support of the Police at Halifax, shall be paid out of the general funds of the Province, but the same shall be raised in the manner provided by the ninth section of the Act, to which this Act is an addition and amendment. Proviso

CAP. XXXII.

An Act in amendment of, and in addition to, an Act, passed in the thirty sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries.

WHEREAS, great inconveniences have arisen from the manner in which the Grand and Petit Juries are now returned for the Supreme and Inferior Courts, and Courts of Quarter Sessions, held at Halifax, under the Act passed in the Preamble

the thirty-sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled, "An Act to regulate Juries," whereby such Juries are directed to be returned and summoned from the Town and Peninsula of Halifax only; and whereas, it is just and expedient that all the inhabitants within the vicinity of the said Town should attend as Grand and Petit Jurors at the said several Courts :

Jurors within 15 miles of Halifax may be summoned

I. *BE it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That hereafter the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, shall make a return in the manner by said Act prescribed, of all persons, duly qualified and not exempted by Law, who shall be resident at any place within fifteen miles of the said Town of Halifax, to serve as Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors, at the Supreme and Inferior Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions, hereafter to be held at Halifax.*

Fines for non-attendance

II. *And be it also enacted, That all and every such person or persons, who shall hereafter be so duly returned and summoned as aforesaid, shall be liable to the same fines and penalties for non attendance at any such Court or Courts, as Grand and Petit Jurors within said Town and Peninsula, have heretofore been subject to, for such non attendance, by any Act of this Province, now in force.*

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery, and to repeal the third Section of an Act, entitled, An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Popish Religion, from certain penalties and disabilities imposed on them by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters.

Preamble

WHEREAS, *all persons within this Province, professing the Roman Catholic Religion, have been for several years past, relieved from the restrictions and disabilities heretofore imposed upon them by the Laws of this Province, and are now allowed to build Churches, and their Clergy permitted to celebrate Divine Worship therein, according to the rights and ceremonies of the Church of Rome :*

Privileges enjoyed by Dissenters extended to Roman Catholics

I. *BE it enacted, That all the exemptions and privileges which are conferred upon Protestant Dissenters, by the second Section of the Act of which this Act is an amendment, shall be conferred upon, and enjoyed by, all Roman Catholics, residing within this Province, any Law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.*

And Whereas, it is expedient, that the said Roman Catholics, should be relieved from the disabilities imposed on them, by the third section of an Act, made and passed in the twenty-sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Popish Religion, from certain penalties and disabilities imposed on them, by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters :