

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, First day of February, 1827, in the Eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the First Session of the Thirteenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

8 George IV – Chapter 31

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 the 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.

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.

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 Magistrates in his room.

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

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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.