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'City: And whereas the annual expense of preserving the said Fire Department in an efficient state, and keeping the Engines and Apparatus connected therewith in good repair, can no longer be defrayed from the funds of the Corporation, in consequence of the heavy debt by which their Property is encumbered;'

An annual assessment to defray the expenses of keeping up the Fire Department, authorized.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in Common Council convened, to make an annual rate or assessment upon the inhabitants of the said City, not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in each and every year, besides the charge for assessing, levying and collecting the same, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of keeping up the said Fire Department, and preserving the same in an efficient state; the said annual assessments of sums of money to be assessed, levied and collected in such manner and form as by any Act or Acts of Assembly made or to be made, is appointed and directed for assessing, levying and collecting any Public Rates or County charges within the said City of Saint John; and when collected and received, shall from time to time be paid into the hands of the Chamberlain of the said City, to be appropriated by the said Common Council for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and no other uses or purposes whatever.

Assessment not to be made until after the ordering of the Assessment for £300 under 7 V. 43, s. 2.

II. Provided always, nevertheless, and be it enacted, That no rates or assessment shall at any time be made under the authority of this Act, until the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council, by Warrant under their Common Seal, shall have ordered the annual rate and assessment for the sum of three hundred pounds and no more, as directed and required by the second section of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act further to facilitate the means of supplying the City of Saint John with Water, and shall have delivered the same to the Assessors to be appointed under the provisions of the said recited Act, anything in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

## CAP. LXIV.

An Act to alter the time of holding the Terms of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Gloucester.

Passed 27th March 1845.

Preamble.

HEREAS the time of holding the Terms of the Inferior Court of Com-'mon Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Gloucester has been found inconvenient; for remedy whereof,'

The January and July Terms to be held on the first Tuesdays in January and July.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Terms of the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace heretofore held on the second Tuesday in January and the last Tuesday in July respectively, shall hereafter be holden on the first Tuesday in January and July respectively in each and every year, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No process to be abated by reason of the alteration.

II. And be it enacted, That no suit, process or proceeding instituted or commenced before the passing of this Act, shall abate or be discontinued by reason of the altering of the time of holding the said Terms respectively; but all actions, processes, suits and proceedings shall be carried on and continued to final judgment in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.