

2. This Act shall continue in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Limitation.

## CAP. XVI.

An Act to authorise the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephen for the erection of a Lock-up House in the said Parish.

*Passed 14th April 1853.*

**‘**WHEREAS the Lock-up House in the Parish of Saint Stephen has been Preamble.  
 ‘destroyed by fire: And whereas by reason of the distance of the  
 ‘said Parish from the Shire Town, and the risk, inconvenience and expense of  
 ‘the removal of persons from thence to the County Gaol, it is deemed advisable  
 ‘and necessary that another Lock-up House should be built;’

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Charlotte, or the major part of them, at any General Sessions of the Peace, shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract and agree with able and sufficient workmen, for building and finishing a Lock-up House or House of Correction at Saint Stephen, in the said County, and to agree for such sum or sums of money as to them may seem meet, in order to carry this object into effect; and the said Justices, or the major part of them, at their General Sessions as aforesaid, are hereby authorised and empowered to make rate and assessment upon the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephen for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, for defraying the expense of the erection and finishing the said Lock-up House or House of Correction, and from time to time to make such rules and regulations for the management of the said Lock-up House or House of Correction as to them may seem meet.

Authority to contract for building a Lock-up House or House of Correction.

Authority to assess and make regulations.

2. It shall and may be lawful for the High Sheriff of the said County, or for any other officer having legal custody of any person or persons who shall or may be arrested in the said Parish of Saint Stephen, or in any of the Parishes adjacent to the same, in all cases in which the said Sheriff or other officer could legally lodge the said person or persons in the common Gaol of the said County, to commit the said person or persons to the said Lock-up House or House of Correction until the said person or persons can be removed to the said County Gaol; provided always, that no person under civil arrest shall be detained in such Lock-up House or House of Correction for any space of time exceeding forty eight hours.

Authority to commit persons to the Lock-up House or House of Correction.

3. The said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds so to be assessed, shall be assessed, collected and paid agreeably to any Act in force for the assessing, collecting and levying of County Rates.

Assessment to be according to law.

## CAP. XVII.

An Act to assess a certain District in the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, to defray the expense of a Fire Engine, Engine House, and other articles connected therewith.

*Passed 14th April 1853.*

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, at any General Sessions of the Peace hereafter to be holden, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to raise by assessments, the sum of six hundred pounds for the purpose of paying for a fire engine and engine house, building or sinking reservoirs, purchasing fire hooks and ladders, the preservation of the engine, and for the better extinguishing of fires that may happen

Authority to assess a part of the Parish of Saint Stephen for a Fire Engine, &c.

happen in that part of the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the said County, contained within the following limits, to wit:—Commencing on the Bank of the River Saint Croix, opposite or near the house recently occupied by the late Josiah Hitchings, thence directly to said house; thence northerly along the road leading towards Saint James, one mile; thence easterly one and a half miles, or until it strikes the Dennis Stream; thence along said Stream, and the course thereof, until it reaches the Saint Croix; thence westerly along the centre or middle of said River and the banks thereof, to the place of beginning; such assessment to be made in due proportion upon all and every person or persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy any house, shop, mill, warehouse or other tenement or property liable to be consumed by fire within said District; such sum to be assessed, levied, collected and paid in such proportion, and in such manner as any County Rates can or may be assessed, levied, collected and paid, under any Act or Acts in force in this Province for assessing, levying and collecting of Rates for public charges.

**CAP. XVIII.**

An Act for the better and more effectual securing the navigation of the River Saint Croix, in the County of Charlotte.

*Passed 14th April 1853.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS on the River Saint Croix, in the Parish of Saint Stephen, 'there are a number of machines for sawing laths, clapboards, and other small lumber, the slabs and refuse of which are generally thrown into said River, filling up the channel and obstructing the navigation thereof;'

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

Penalties for throwing slabs or waste lumber into the River.

1. That all and every owner, lessee or agent of any mill engaged in the manufacture of any description of sawed lumber on the said River Saint Croix, in the Parish of Saint Stephen, who shall throw or allow to be thrown out of their or any or either of their mills, any slabs or other waste lumber into said River, that may tend to fill up the channel of said River, shall be liable to pay a fine of five pounds for the first offence, and ten pounds for the second and every succeeding offence, to be recovered with costs of suit by plaint or information had or made before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte; the said fine to be given for the use of the poor in the Parish where the offence may be committed, and in case of the non-payment of said fine, the parties to stand committed to the County Gaol until paid.

Recovery.

Application.

Liability to extend to the owners, &c. of the mills, whether the offence be committed by themselves or their servants.

2. Each and every of the said owners, lessees, agents or labourers in said mills, are severally liable for said fine, whether the act of throwing in such waste stuff be committed by themselves or those in their employ or under their control, and the said parties subject to said fines, may have recourse, under this Act, to recover such fines and costs from the parties actually throwing in such waste stuff or lumber, in the way and in the same manner as said fine is collected of them.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into operation at such time as may be fixed therefor by Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on his being satisfied that a Law has been passed by the Legislature of the State of Maine, or by other competent authority of the United States of America, with similar provisions for more effectually securing the navigation of the said River within the said State of Maine.

Limitation.

4. This Act shall not continue to be in force for a longer period than the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

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