

and Vestrymen in the said Parish, and in every other Parish in this Province, may assemble in their Vestry room or other usual place of meeting, for all business connected with their respective Parishes, (except the choice of officers) on the Saturday before Easter Monday in every year; and notice of such meeting shall be given by the Rector on the Sunday previous.

7. It shall not be necessary for the Rector to be present at such meeting; in his absence a Chairman shall be named by the persons present: A full and detailed statement and account of the receipts and expenditure of the Corporation for the past year shall be laid before the meeting, and any information required by any pewholder or person qualified to vote for Church Wardens and Vestrymen, respecting the same, or respecting the property of the Corporation and the management thereof, shall be given.

8. Nothing in this Act contained shall take away or in any wise affect, or be construed to take away or in any wise affect, the rights of any person or persons other than the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint Luke's Church, in the Parish of Portland, and the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint Paul's, in the Parish of Saint Paul's, or to give to or vest in the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint Paul's Church, in the Parish of Saint Paul's, any other or better title or estate than was vested in the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry of Saint Luke's Church, in the Parish of Portland, at the time of the passing of this Act.

## CAP. LL

### An Act in further amendment of the Charter of the City of Saint John.

Section.

1. Appointment of Common Clerk vested in the Common Council.
2. Present incumbent may be continued or removed.
3. Qualification of the Common Clerk.

Section.

4. Repeal of Charter, Bye Laws, and Acts of Assembly, so far as inconsistent with this Act.
5. Chief Engineer of Fire Department to be appointed by the Common Council.

*Passed 1st May 1856:*

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

1. The Common Council of the City of Saint John shall have full power and authority from time to time, to name, constitute, and appoint a fit and proper person to be Common

Clerk of the said City, who shall continue in and hold, exercise, and enjoy the said office during the pleasure of the Common Council, and until another fit person shall be sworn in in his stead, and no longer.

2. That the present incumbent may be continued or displaced by the Common Council, and another appointed in his stead whenever they may deem it advisable.

3. The person to be appointed Common Clerk shall be a fit, discreet, and reputable inhabitant and freeman of the said City, and skilful in the laws, and shall have been admitted and sworn an Attorney of the Supreme Court of this Province.

4. So much of the Charter of the City of Saint John, and of any Act or Acts of Assembly, and of any bye laws of the said Corporation, as is inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

5. That so much of the second Section of an Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires which may happen in the City of Saint John*, as relates to the appointment of one Chief Engineer, be and the same is hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in Common Council convened, may appoint one Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the City of Saint John on the eastern side of the harbour, and one Chief Engineer for the said City on the western side of the harbour.

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## CAP. LII.

### An Act relating to the Police of the City of Saint John.

#### Section.

1. Governor in Council to appoint the Chief of Police.
2. Chief of Police to appoint the policemen; oath of office; authority; obedience;
3. Chief of Police may, subject to approval, establish regulations for the force.
4. Resignation by policemen, or withdrawal from duties.
5. Salary of Police Magistrate and Clerk; and wages of Chief and men of the Police force.
6. Obstructions by groups near sidewalks.
7. Powers, &c. of Police Magistrate to continue except as altered.

#### Section.

8. Certain parts of Act 12 V. c. 68, repealed.
9. Police Record Books to be submitted quarterly to the Common Council.
10. Chief of Police may in certain cases take recognizance.
11. Chief of Police may exact recognizance from persons making a charge, and on refusal discharge the person in custody.
12. Recognizance, conditions of; entry and return of by Chief of Police.
13. No Aldermen or Justice other than the Police Magistrate to hold a Court in the City for certain trials.

Passed 1st May 1856.