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26 George III – Chapter 46

An Act for confirming unto the City of Saint John its Rights and Privileges

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,

That the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John, shall and may forever hereafter remain, continue, and be a body corporate and politic, *in re facto et no mine*, by the name of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John, and by that name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, without any seizure or forejudger for or upon any pretence of any forfeiture or misdemeanor at any time heretofore done, suffered or committed. And that all and singular letters patent, grants, charters and gifts, sealed under the great seal of this province, heretofore made and granted unto the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John, be and are hereby declared to be and shall be good, valid, perfect, authentic and effectual in the law, and shall stand and be taken, reputed, deemed and adjudged good, perfect, sure, available, authentic and effectual in the law, against the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, and all and every person or persons whomsoever, according to the tenor, and effect of the said letters, patent grants, charters and gifts, and that the same be and are to all intents and purposes hereby ratified and confirmed.

II. And be it further enacted That the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John and their successors, shall and may forever hereafter peaceably have, hold, use and enjoy, all and every the rights, gifts, charters, grants, powers, liberties, privileges, franchises, customs, usages, constitutions, immunities, markets, duties, tolls, lands, tenements, estates and hereditaments, which have heretofore been given or granted unto the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Saint John by any letters patent, grant, charter, or gift, sealed under the seal of this province.

III. And be, it further enacted, That this present act shall be accepted, taken and reputed to be a public act of which all and every the judges and justices of this province in all courts and all other persons shall take notice on all occasions whatsoever, as if it were a public act of Assembly relating to the whole province, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.