

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1803. Saint John, NB: John Ryan, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1803.

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An Act for altering the Divisions of Four of the Wards in the City of Saint John, and for changing the mode of Elections within the Two other Wards of the said City. Passed 16th March, 1803.

Whereas since the granting of the Charter of the City of Saint John, by reason of the removal of many persons from some of the Wards, the disproportion of Inhabitants in the several Wards, is at this time very great, and one of the Wards almost entirely depopulated: And whereas many of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the said City, have by Petition, prayed that a remedy may be provided for the evil consequences arising from such changes.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That instead of the present division of the four Wards of the said City, on the Eastern side of the harbour, the same Wards be hereafter divided by lines drawn from the harbour to the rear of the said City as follows, to wit, through the centre of King-street, Duke-street, and Saint James and Stormont-street, and that all that part of the said City lying to the Northward of King-street, be forever hereafter called and known by the name of Kings Ward; That all that part of the said City between King-street and Duke-street, be forever hereafter called and known by the name of Queen's Ward; That all that part of the said City lying between Duke-street, and Saint James and Stormont-street, be forever hereafter called and known by the name of Duke's Ward; and that the residue thereof lying to the Southward of Saint James and Stormont-street, be forever hereafter called and known by the name of Sidney Ward. And that the Elections for the Aldermen, Assistants and Constables of the same Wards be held annually within the same Wards, as in and by this Act divided and bounded, in the same manner and at the same times, and under and subject to the same regulations and restrictions as are provided by the said Charter.

II. And be it further enacted, That hereafter it shall and may be lawful for the Electors of Guy's Ward and Brook's Ward collectively, to choose annually, at the time appointed by the said Charter, one Alderman, one Assistant and one Constable for each Ward, out of the Freemen, being Inhabitants of either of the said Wards, without regard to the particular Ward as heretofore accustomed: And that for the purpose of such Election, each Alderman of the said two Wards shall hold his Court within the Ward to which he belongs, as provided by the said Charter; and at such Elections respectively every Elector within both of the said Wards, shall be entitled to a vote.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Charter of the said City, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, except as herein and hereby particularly altered and amended, shall be and forever remain in full force and effect, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.