

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1812.* Saint John, NB: Jacob Mott, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1812.

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**An Act to appropriate a sum of money as an aid to His Majesty in the defence of the Province. Passed the 7th of March, 1812.**

May it please your Honor!

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Commons of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick, in General Assembly convened, taking into serious consideration the danger with which we are threatened by the Government of the United States of America; and relying with confidence upon the readiness and power of His Majesty, under Divine Providence, to defend us in the event of hostilities with that Country; and being desirous to evince to His Majesty, and the Nation, our Strong attachment to the British Constitution, as well as our loyalty to His Majesty's Person and Government, by the exertion of all the means which the Province affords in making a defence for the same, do humbly beseech that it may be enacted—and

I. Be it enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly, That should hostilities with the United States take place, there be appropriated, as an aid to His Majesty in the general defence, out of such monies as may then be, or afterwards may be received in the Treasury, the sum of ten thousand pounds, to be paid and applied in such way and manner, and at such time or times, as the President or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council shall order and direct.

II. And be it further enacted, That if it should so happen that the full amount of the said sum of ten thousand pounds, should not be in the Treasury, when the contemplated emergency may arise, the President or Commander in Chief for the time being, be and he is hereby authorised by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, to raise by Loan whatever sum may happen to be deficient.