

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1816.* Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1816.

56 George III – Chapter 1

**An Act to increase the number of Constables in the City of Saint John. Passed the 7th of March, 1816.**

Whereas in and by the Charter of the City of Saint John, the number of Constables in and for the said City is limited to six; that is to say, one Constable for each Ward in the said City, and that number is found by experience to be greatly insufficient in the present increased state of the Population of the said City.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to, and for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Saint John or the major part of them, in Common Council convened on the first Tuesday in April in each and every year, to name and appoint such and so many of the Inhabitants of the said City, being freeholders there, or freemen of the said City as they shall see convenient, not to exceed the number of twelve, to be Constables in the said City for the ensuing year, in addition to the Constables annually elected and chosen in each respective Ward in the said City, under and by virtue of the said Charter.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Constables to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall take the same oaths, and be subject and liable to the same fines, penalties, duties, rules, ordinances and regulations in every respect, and to all intents and purposes, that the Constables so elected and chosen under and by virtue of the said Charter are by the said Charter directed to take, and are by the said Charter or otherwise by Law subject and liable unto.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Constable in the said City of Saint John, shall be guilty of any neglect or misbehaviour in the execution of the duty of office, he shall forfeit and pay for the use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, the sum of forty shillings for every such neglect and misbehaviour, to be recovered upon proof of such neglect or misbehaviour, by the oath of one creditable witness before the Mayor or Recorder, and any one of the Aldermen of the said City, to be levied by Warrant of distress and sale of the offender's Goods and Chattels, rendering the overplus, if any, after deducting the costs and charges of prosecution to the offender.