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5 George IV – Chapter 10

**An Act to provide for making Rules and Regulations for the management of the Poor House in the Parish of Saint Andrews. Passed 11th March, 1824.**

Whereas a Poor House has been erected in the Parish of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, for the use of the Poor of the said Parish: And whereas, under proper rules and regulations, the said Poor-House may be of great advantage to the Inhabitants of the said Parish—

I. Be it enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, in their first General Sessions of the Peace, annually, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to appoint so many fit persons, not exceeding seven, nor less than five, (not more than two of whom shall be Justices of the Peace of the said County), as they shall think fit, to be Commissioners for superintending and managing the Poor House, in the Parish of Saint Andrews in the County aforesaid, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and for neglecting or refusing to qualify and perform the same, they shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as Parish Officers are, by virtue of any Acts made or hereafter to be made, for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers, in the several Counties in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, from time to time, to provide such materials and things as they shall judge necessary, for the setting to work and employing such poor Persons, of what age or sex soever they be, who may apply for relief, and shall be capable to work, and shall have power and authority, at their discretion, to compel such idle or poor People begging or seeking relief, as do not betake themselves to some lawful employment, or who do or shall hereafter, seek and receive alms of the said Parish hereinbefore mentioned, or who may stand in need of relief from the said Parish, to dwell, inhabit, and to work, in the said Poor-House, and to do all such work, as they shall think them able and fit for, and shall have the same powers to bind out poor Children, Apprentices, as are by the Laws of this Province, given, to the Overseers of the Poor in the several Towns and Parishes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to make such rules, orders, and regulations, for the good government and management of the said Poor-House, as they shall find necessary, (such rules and regulations to be approved of by the Justices in their General Sessions) and to inflict such correction and punishment, by solitary confinement or otherwise, from time to time, as to them shall seem reasonable, on any person or persons within the said Poor-House, who shall be set to work and shall not conform to such rules, orders, and regulations, to be made as aforesaid, or shall misbehave in the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall at the first General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, annually lay before the Justices in their said Sessions, an account to be audited by the said Justices, of the expences incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the Poor of the said Poor-House, for the past year, together with an estimate of what sum or sums of money will be needful for the maintenance or employment of the Poor of the said House, for the current year, which sum or sums of money shall be assessed, levied and raised, in such manner and form as by the Laws of this Province is or shall be appointed and directed, and when raised and received, shall be paid to the said Commissioners, for the use aforesaid and for no other.

V. And be it further enacted, That the profits of any work or labour to be performed under the direction of the said Commissioners, shall be duly accounted for by them, and shall be applied towards the support and maintenance of the persons inhabiting within the said Poor-House.