

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1826. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1826.

7 George IV – Chapter 10

An Act to authorize the Justices of the County of Northumberland, to regulate the Grazing and Depasturing of certain tracts of Land within that County. Passed the 7th of March, 1826.

Whereas the Inhabitants of those Districts of the County of Northumberland, which have been desolated by the destructive fire of the seventh of October last will not be able to erect new fences for the security of their Crops, during the present year and regulations to restrain certain descriptions of domestic animals from running at large in those Districts are therefore necessary,

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, or the major part of them at their General Session, be, and they are hereby authorized to make such regulations for the Grazing and Depasturing of the Lands in those Districts, in which most of the Fences have been destroyed by fire, as to them shall seem most conducive to the general interests of the Inhabitants thereof, and if any neat Cattle, Horses, or Sheep shall be found running at large, or grazing in those districts contrary to any regulations so to be made as aforesaid, the owner or owners thereof, shall forfeit and pay to the informer, the sum of two shillings for each and every Sheep, and the sum of ten shillings for each and every animal of the other kinds before mentioned, that may be found, so running at large or grazing as aforesaid, to be recovered upon conviction, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and levied upon the Goods and Chattles of the owner or owners of such animal or animals, and in case the owner or owners be not known, then it shall be lawful for the person or persons, who shall find such animal or animals so running at large, or grazing contrary to the regulations so to be made as aforesaid, to drive the same to the nearest Pound in the Parish, where the animal or animals shall so be found, and it shall be the duty of the Pound-Keeper to receive and detain such animal or animals, under the owner or owners thereof shall pay to the use of the informer the aforesaid finis, and to the Pound Keeper the sum of sixpence per day for feeding each Sheep, and one shilling and six-pence per day for feeding each animal of the other kinds, mentioned in this Act, together with the usual charges for impounding the same.

II. And be a further enacted, That if the owner or owners of such Neat Cattle, Horses or Sheep so impounded, shall neglect or refuse to pay the aforesaid penalties and charges, then the said Pound-Keeper is hereby authorized to sell publicly (first giving ten days previous notice of the sale) the said Neat Cattle, Horses or Sheep, or so many of them as may be necessary for that purpose, and the overplus (if any there be) shall be paid by the Pound Keeper to the owner or owners thereof whenever he or they shall appear to claim the same.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force for one year and no longer.