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7 George IV – Chapter 25

**An Act to provide for the re-building of Government House. Passed the 7th of March, 1826**

Whereas the Government-House of this Province was lately consumed by Fire; and it is highly expedient and proper to re-build the same of more permanent materials, and on a more extended scale: And that Commissioners shall be appointed to attend to and direct the building of the same.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Honorable George Shore, Richard Simonds, Charles J. Peters, George Frederick Street, and Henry G. Clopper, Esquires, be Commissioners for the said purpose, which said Commissioners or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to procure proper plans of a House to be erected for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being at or near the place where the late Government-House stood, the walls of which are to be of Stone or Brick, and also, of all requisite out-houses and offices, appertaining to the same, with particular estimates of the expences of the materials and workmanship necessary to complete the said Buildings according to the price or sum, herein-after provided, together with any other monies which may be obtained for that purpose, and also to enter into Contracts with proper persons, for the erecting and completing the said Building, or for the materials and workmanship, or either of them or any part thereof, as in their discretion they may see fit; and to receive Bonds or other Securities, for the due performance of such Contracts, and also to enforce the performance of such Contracts and if necessary to sue, prosecute and recover upon such Contracts, Bonds or other Securities in any Court, having competent jurisdiction in the premises.

II. And be it further enacted, That such residence when erected shall be called the Government-House of the Province of New-Brunswick, and shall be appropriated for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province for the time being, and no other use and purpose whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds, shall be appropriated for the erection of such Buildings, and the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, is hereby empowered to draw Warrants on the Treasury, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council at the requisition of the said Commissioners or the major part of them for the aforesaid sum or any part thereof, at such times and in such proportions as they may deem necessary.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, to nominate and appoint other Commissioners to fill any vacancies occasioned by the death, removal or resignation of any of the Commissioners nominated in this Act, who shall have the like power and authority as the said Commissioners so nominated.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Plans, Estimates, Contracts or Agreements, procured or received by, or offered and proposed to the said Commissioners, shall before the same are approved of, agreed to, or entered into by the said Commissioners, be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, for his approbation and no Plan or Contract, shall be agreed upon or entered into by the said Commissioners without such approbation.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have power and authority, to appoint some fit and proper person to be approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, as a Surveyor or Overseer, to superintend the erection of the said Buildings, and to pay to the said person such reasonable and proper compensation or hire as they may deem expedient, which shall be reckoned and considered as part of the expences of such Building and be paid out of the sum so appropriated as aforesaid.