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An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Towns of Dalhousie and Campbellton, in the County of Restigouche. Passed 25th March 1844.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the first day of June next, there be laid and imposed the following tax or duty yearly, and every year, on all Dogs which shall or may be owned or kept by persons residing within the limits of the Towns of Dalhousie and Campbellton [Campbellton], according to the description and boundaries of the said Towns, as described on the Plan of the same, and as commonly known and distinguished as such, that is to say:—For one Dog, provided the person keep but one, the sum of five shillings; for two Dogs owned or kept by one person, or in or about the same House, the sum of fifteen shillings; for three or more Dogs owned or kept by one person, or in or about the same House, the sum of thirty shillings; such tax or duty to be paid by the person owning or keeping such Dog or Dogs.

II. And be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Restigouche, at their General Sessions, or at any Special Sessions of the Peace to be for that purpose holden, are hereby authorized and required to appoint fit and proper persons to be Collectors of Dog Tax in the said Towns of Dalhousie and Campbellton, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and who shall be liable to all the pains and penalties for neglect of duty or refusal to serve, as any Town or Parish Officers are now liable to by the Laws now in force.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of all persons residing within the limits of the said Towns of Dalhousie and Campbellton, respectively, and who shall own or keep any Dog or Dogs, to affix a Collar on the neck of each and every such Dog, with the name of the owner or keeper plainly and legibly marked thereon; and all Dogs found going at large within the limits aforesaid, and owned or kept by persons residing within the same, after the said first day of June next, without such Collar and name as aforesaid, shall be liable to be killed or destroyed by the said Collector of Dog Tax, or within the limits of the Town of Dalhousie by any Constable of the Parish of Dalhousie who may reside within the limits of the said Town of Dalhousie, or by any Constable of the Parish of Addington who may reside within the limits of the Town of Campbellton; Provided always, that in case the owner or keeper of such Dog or Dogs so found going at large as aforesaid, without such Collar and name, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall be known, he or she shall be liable to pay a fine of ten shillings in addition to the tax, to be recovered and applied as directed by the fourth section of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Collectors of the said Dog Tax, shall and they are hereby required, on the first day of June in each and every year, and as often thereafter as may be necessary, to proceed to the collection of the tax imposed by this Act; and in case the said tax be not paid to each or either of the said Collectors within six days after the same shall have been

demanded, that then the said Collectors shall, and they are hereby required, in their own name to sue for and recover the same with costs, by action of debt, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Restigouche; and the said tax when collected, shall be paid into the hands of the Overseers of the Poor of the respective Parishes, where the same may be collected, and to be applied by them toward the support of the Poor of the said Parishes, respectively, where the same may have been collected; such Collectors retaining for their trouble at and after the rate of ten per centum on all sums actually paid in by them respectively.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Collectors of the said tax shall render Accounts to the Justices at every General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in for the said County, of their collections under and by virtue of this Act, which Accounts shall be audited by the said Justices; and the said Collectors shall be liable to all the pains and penalties for neglect and refusal to account for or pay over the monies so to be collected by them, as any Collector of Rates are made liable to by the Laws now in force.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of June which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.