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Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1844. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1844.

7 Victoria – Chapter 20

An Act to authorize the use of a part of the building erected for a Market House on the Western side of the Harbour in the City of Saint John, for other purposes than a Market. Passed 25th March 1844.

Whereas from the increase of population and the greater resort of Shipping, than heretofore, to the Western side of the Harbour, breaches of the Peace and other offences have also increased, and it is considered necessary to have a Lock-up House on that side of the Harbour, in consequence of the inability of Officers at all times to get to the present Gaol of the City and County; and part of the Market House which has been erected in Guy's Ward, may, for some time to come, be conveniently used for that purpose, thereby saving the necessity of erecting a separate building therefor, which the Common Council, by the Charter would be authorized to do, if the Funds of the City were at present in a situation to defray the expense;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, and they are authorized and empowered to set apart, use and appropriate the Cellar or Basement Story of the said Market House, which has been erected by them on the Market place in Guy's Ward, as and for a Lock-up House; and the second flat of the same building as and for a Public Office or Offices, or such other Public use as they may deem expedient and necessary, and from time to time to make such Bye Laws and Ordinances, for the regulation and management of the same, and under such penalties as they, the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, in Common Council convened, may think necessary.