

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.

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An Act in addition to an Act, intituled *An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work Home, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John.* Passed 25th March 1844.

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province made and passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John, the Commissioners appointed as therein mentioned, are required annually to lay before the Justices at the first General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the City and County of Saint John, an account of the expenses incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the Poor of the said Alms House and Work House for the past year, together with an estimate of what sum or sums of money would be needful for the maintenance and employment of the Poor of the said House for the current year; but no power is given to the said Commissioners, or to the said Justices, in case the same should be necessary for the preservation of the building or the beneficial setting to work and employment of the inmates, and the safe keeping of them whilst so employed, to make repairs, or erect sheds or work shops, or sufficient fences to prevent escape, or interference by strangers: And Whereas experience has shewn that such power to a limited extent is necessary, and should be vested in the said Commissioners, under the sanction of the Justices of the Peace in Session assembled;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That it shall be the duty of, and the Commissioners of the said Alms House and Work House for the time being are hereby required from time to time, as circumstances may render it necessary, to report to the Justices of the Peace in and for the City and County of Saint John, in General Sessions assembled, the state of all the buildings and enclosures, forming the said establishment, with an estimate of the probable expense of the actual repairs, or additional work shops, or enclosures which they may consider requisite for the preservation of the establishment, or beneficial employment of the inmates, as contemplated by Law; and if in the opinion of the said Justices, or a majority of them, in Sessions assembled, all or any part thereof shall be considered necessary, the approval thereof shall be entered on the Minutes of the said Sessions; and the said Commissioners shall thereupon be and they are hereby authorized to make such necessary repairs or erect such additional work shops or enclosures, as the case may be, provided that the expense shall not in any one year exceed the sum of one hundred pounds.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall render an account of all monies so expended, with the accounts of expenses incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the Poor, as is provided by the fourth section of the hereinbefore recited Act, and after being audited and allowed by the said Justices, shall, together with the money necessary for the

maintenance and employment of the Poor for the current year, be assessed, levied and raised and paid over in like manner as is provided in and by the said Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, when rendering their annual Account, as required by the said Act, shall be and are hereby required to specify the number of Poor from each Parish, and the length of time each person has been there; which Account after being submitted to the Justices, they the said Justices are hereby required to publish in one of the Newspapers in the City, for the information of the inhabitants of the said City and County: provided that the names of the inmates of the institution shall not be published.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for five years and no longer.