

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1845. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1845.

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An Act in addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires which may happen in the City of Saint John, and to continue a certain Act relating to the same matter therein mentioned.* Passed 27th March 1845.

Whereas in and by an Act made and passed in the third year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires which may happen in the City of Saint John, and to continue a certain Act relating to the same matter therein mentioned, authority is granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, to establish a Fire Department for the said City, for the purpose of preventing the spread of Fires which may break out therein; and the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have accordingly established the same at a good deal of expense to the City: And whereas the annual expense of preserving the said Fire Department in an efficient state, and keeping the Engines and Apparatus connected therewith in good repair, can no longer be defrayed from the funds of the Corporation, in consequence of the heavy debt by which their Property is encumbered;

I. 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, in Common Council convened, to make an annual rate or assessment upon the inhabitants of the said City, not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in each and every year, besides the charge for assessing, levying and collecting the same, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of keeping up the said Fire Department, and preserving the same in an efficient state; the said annual assessments of sums of money to be assessed, levied and collected in such manner and form as by any Act or Acts of Assembly made or to be made, is appointed and directed for assessing, levying and collecting any Public Rates or County charges within the said City of Saint John; and when collected and received, shall from time to time be paid into the hands of the Chamberlain of the said City, to be appropriated by the said Common Council for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and no other uses or purposes whatever.

II. Provided always, nevertheless, and be it enacted, That no rates or assessment shall at any time be made under the authority of this Act, until the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council, by Warrant under their Common Seal, shall have ordered the annual rate and assessment for the sum of three hundred pounds and no more, as directed and required by the second section of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act further to facilitate the means of supplying the City of Saint John with Water, and shall have delivered the same to the Assessors to be appointed under the provisions of the said recited Act, anything in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.