

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1848. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1848.

11 Victoria – Chapter 30

An Act to amend an Act to provide for the increasing the number of Special Constables in the City of Saint John, and for appointing Special Constables in the City and County of Saint John. Passed 30th March 1848.

Whereas certain provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for increasing the number of Constables in the City of Saint John, and for appointing Special Constables in the City and County of Saint John*, are not found sufficient for the purposes of the said Act;

- I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the seventh section of the said recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed.
- II. And in lieu thereof, Be it enacted, That in all cases where it may be found necessary under the provisions of the said Act to appoint and swear in Special Constables, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, at any General Sessions of the Peace, or at any Special Sessions to be for that purpose holden, to borrow such sum of money as they in their discretion may deem meet for the purpose of paying and providing for the services and expenses of such Special Constables, and to order the same, if they shall think fit, to be repaid out of the contingent funds of the said City and County; or to order an assessment to be made upon the said City of Saint John, or upon any Parish or Parishes in the said City and County, for payment thereof; and to order and direct what portion of such assessment shall be raised and levied by a Poll Tax upon the inhabitants of such City or Parish, for the purpose of paying such sum of money so borrowed for the purposes aforesaid; or in case they shall not see fit, or be unable, to borrow money for the purposes aforesaid, to order an assessment to be made for the purpose of meeting the amount of expenses incurred under any of the provisions of the said Act; provided always, that not more than one fourth part of any such assessment shall be levied by such Poll Tax.
- III. And be it enacted, That the said Justices in General Sessions, or at any Special Sessions for that purpose to be holden, shall have power and are hereby authorized to make an allowance to all or any of the Constables or other Peace Officers of the City of Saint John, or City and County of Saint John, for any services by them performed in the execution of their offices, or in attending any of the Courts held in the City of Saint John, or in apprehending or searching for and endeavouring to apprehend any felon or person charged with or suspected of any felony, and to offer and pay any rewards for the apprehension of any felon or person accused or suspected of felony, as the said Justices in their discretion shall think needful in promoting the due and proper execution of the Laws and the duties of such Officers, and shall order all such sums of money to be paid out of the contingent funds of the said City and County.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case the contingent funds for the year shall not be sufficient, in the opinion of the said Justices in Sessions, to bear any expenses incurred or payable under this Act or the Act of which this is an amendment, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices to order what amount shall be levied and rated in addition to the annual rate or assessment for the contingent expenses for the said City and County, and to direct that the said additional sum shall be levied and assessed with the said annual contingent assessment, which said additional sum shall be paid into the hands of the County Treasurer for the purposes of this Act, when so levied and assessed.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall apply and extend to the several Counties in this Province.