

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 34

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John to levy an assessment for the payment of expenses incurred in the preservation of the Public Peace in the Parish of Portland, and in lighting a part of the said Parish with Gas. Passed 30th March 1848.

Whereas under the provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of His 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*, a number of Special Constables were employed in the month of November last, and are now employed in preserving and keeping the Peace in the Parish of Portland, in the said City and County: And whereas it has been found necessary to light a part of the said Parish with Gas; and in order to make provision for the payment of the services of the said Special Constables, and of lighting the said Parish,

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, at any General or Special Sessions of the Peace hereafter to be holden therein, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make such rate or assessment, in the manner hereinafter provided, upon the said Parish of Portland, of any sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, as they in their discretion may think necessary for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the said Special Constables so as aforesaid employed, and of lighting a part of the said Parish with Gas.

II. And be it enacted, That the said sum of five hundred pounds, together with the expenses of collecting and assessing the same, shall be rated, assessed, levied and raised upon the inhabitants, and the personal property and income of the inhabitants of the said Parish of Portland, and upon the real property situate within the said Parish, by a Poll Tax and Real and Personal Property Tax, and shall be collected and paid in the same manner as any other County or Parish Rates are rated, assessed, levied, raised, collected and paid under or by virtue of any Act now or hereafter to be in force for the assessing, levying and collecting Parish Rates, and when received shall be paid over by the Collector into the hands of the County Treasurer, to be disbursed by him from time to time, on the order of the said Justices, in any General or Special Sessions to be made, for the purposes of this Act.

III. And whereas in and by the first section of an Act made and passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the better assessment of County and Parish Rates*, it is provided that not more than one eighth part of any whole Rate should be raised by a Poll Rate: And whereas it is considered just that in levying a Rate to pay the expenses of keeping the Peace a greater proportion than one eighth part of such Rate should be raised by a Poll Rate; Be it therefore enacted, That in lieu of the said provisions of the said recited Act, one fourth part of the Rate hereby authorized and required to be levied, shall be assessed, levied and

raised by an equal rate upon the Poll of all male inhabitants of the said Parish of Portland of the age of twenty one and upwards, not being paupers.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer of the said City and County shall be entitled to the sum of one and a quarter per cent for receiving and paying all sums of money raised under the provisions of this Act.