

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1852. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1852.

15 Victoria – Chapter 13

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John to assess a portion of the inhabitants thereof for a loss sustained by Margaret Griffin, in consequence of a Fire in Portland in September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. Passed 18th February 1852.

Whereas by the Petition of Margaret Griffin, of the Parish of Portland, County of Saint John, Widow, verified by a number of Magistrates, Firewards and others residing in the said Parish and City of Saint John, the said Margaret Griffin appears to have had her dwelling house and shop, situate in the said Parish, pulled down by public authorities in order to stop the further spread of the fire which happened in September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, but which was arrested before reaching her said premises, and all further devastation stayed, and it seems reasonable that such loss should be proportioned among such of the neighbouring premises as may have been in danger thereby;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That 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 hereafter to be holden, to issue their Warrant of Assessment directed to the Assessors of Taxes for the said Parish, requiring them to assess such persons, being owners of any houses, stores, warehouses, work shops, mills, foundries, or other buildings, situate in the vicinity of such fire, as to the said Justices may seem just and meet, regard being had in making up such assessment to the relative value of the buildings so to be assessed and the benefit derived to the owners thereof from the pulling down of the house of the said Margaret Griffin, for such sum of money for the reimbursing the said Margaret Griffin for the pulling down and destruction of her said premises hereinbefore mentioned, or such part thereof, together with the expenses of assessing, levying and collecting the same, as they may deem expedient; such assessment to be made by such a rateable proportion on the value of the property of the proprietors as aforesaid, as will produce the sum so ordered to be assessed, and when assessed, the same to be levied, collected and paid over to the said Margaret Griffin and the Assessors and Collectors respectively, in the same manner as any other County rates are collected, levied and paid under and by virtue of any Act or Acts of Assembly made or to be made in this Province; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall give power to the said Justices to make an assessment for the purpose aforesaid exceeding in amount the sum of fifty seven pounds, besides the costs and charges of assessing, levying and collecting the same.