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**An Act to authorise the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephen for the erection of a Lock-up House in the said Parish. Passed 14th April 1853.**

Whereas the Lock-up House in the Parish of Saint Stephen has been destroyed by fire: And whereas by reason of the distance of the said Parish from the Shire Town, and the risk, inconvenience and expense of the removal of persons from thence to the County Gaol, it is deemed advisable and necessary that another Lock-up House should be built;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Charlotte, or the major part of them, at any General Sessions of the Peace, shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract and agree with able and sufficient workmen, for building and finishing a Lock-up House or House of Correction at Saint Stephen, in the said County, and to agree for such sum or sums of money as to them may seem meet, in order to carry this object into effect; and the said Justices, or the major part of them, at their General Sessions as aforesaid, are hereby authorised and empowered to make rate and assessment upon the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephen for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, for defraying the expense of the erection and finishing the said Lock-up House or House of Correction, and from time to time to make such rules and regulations for the management of the said Lock-up House or House of Correction as to them may seem meet.
2. It shall and may be lawful for the High Sheriff of the said County, or for any other officer having legal custody of any person or persons who shall or may be arrested in the said Parish of Saint Stephen, or in any of the Parishes adjacent to the same, in all cases in which the said Sheriff or other officer could legally lodge the said person or persons in the common Gaol of the said County, to commit the said person or persons to the said Lock-up House or House of Correction until the said person or persons can be removed to the said County Gaol; provided always, that no person under civil arrest shall be detained in such Lock-up House or House of Correction for any space of time exceeding forty eight hours.
3. The said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds so to be assessed, shall be assessed, collected and paid agreeably to any Act in force for the assessing, collecting and levying of County Rates.

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