

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1853. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1853.

16 Victoria – Chapter 20

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled *An Act to authorise the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to erect a Lock-up House in the Town of Chatham, in the said County.* Passed 14th April 1853.

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

1. The first section of the Act in the title hereof recited be and the same is hereby repealed; and in lieu of such section, the Justices of the Peace for the said County, or the major part of those present at any General Sessions of the Peace hereafter to be holden, or at a Special Sessions for that purpose to be called, may and they are hereby authorised and required by themselves, or by persons to be by them appointed, to erect or cause to be erected a Lock-up House in the said Town of Chatham, on a piece of ground to be by them for that purpose purchased or appropriated; and the said Justices, or the major part of them, at any General or Special Sessions of the Peace, are hereby authorised and required to make a rate and assessment for a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, to defray the expense of purchasing said land and erecting and finishing said Lock-up House; such assessment to be levied and collected in such proportions and in such manner on the inhabitants and property in such County, residing or being situate on the front lots between the lower side of Clark's Cove and the upper side of Saint Andrew's Church, in the Parish of Chatham, in the said County, including all the inhabitants of said Parish living within the above limits, being owners or occupiers of any house or houses within the same, and all the real property within such limits, which sum, subject to the limits aforesaid, shall be assessed, levied and paid agreeably to any Act now or which may hereafter be in force for the assessing, levying and collecting County Rates.

2. Before any assessment be ordered by the Sessions to defray the expense of erecting such Lock-up House, a meeting of the freeholders and householders liable to be assessed under this Act, shall be first called by the Town Clerk of the said Parish, ten days notice of the time and place of which shall be first given, by posting printed handbills in at least ten of the most public places within the District, and at such meeting no person shall have a right to be present or vote except the persons liable to be assessed under this Act; and if a majority of the persons present shall be in favour of such assessment, in such case the General Sessions of the said County may thereupon order an assessment to be made, in pursuance of the provisions in the preceding section.

3. The meeting shall proceed to organize by appointing a Chairman and Clerk of such meeting by vote of the majority.

4. If a majority of the meeting shall be in favour of such assessment, the Chairman shall forthwith certify the same to the General Sessions of the said County, to be laid before the next General or Special Sessions of the Peace that may be held in said County.

5. The said recited Act shall be and remain in full force and effect, except so far as the same is hereby altered and amended.