

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1859. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1859.

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An Act to repeal an Act intituled *An Act to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland*, and make other provisions in lieu thereof. Passed 13th April 1859.

Section.

1. Act 5 G. 4, c 23, repealed.
2. Justices authorized to erect an Alms House and Work House in Newcastle.
3. Commissioners of management, appointment; powers;
4. Empowered to make rules, and punish;

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5. To render annual accounts and estimates;
6. May contract with Overseers of Poor of other Parishes.
7. Profits of labor, account & application of.
8. Buildings may be hired until erections completed.

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

1. That an Act made and passed in the fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland*, be and the same is hereby repealed.
2. The Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, in their General Sessions, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to agree for the erecting and finishing a proper building for an Alms House and Work House in the Town or Parish of Newcastle, and to fix upon a certain sum of money for defraying the expense thereof; which sum of money shall be raised by an assessment upon the inhabitants of the said Parish of Newcastle, and such other Parishes in the said County as may agree and associate together to assess themselves for the erection of the said Alms House and Work House, in the manner provided by any law in force for assessing, collecting, and levying County rates, provided that such assessment shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.
3. It shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, by Warrant under his hand and seal, to be issued by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, from time to time to appoint so many fit persons, not exceeding seven nor less than five, not more than two of whom shall be Justices of the Peace, to be Commissioners for superintending and managing the said building so to be erected for the purposes aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners from time to time to provide such materials and things as they shall judge necessary, for the setting to work and employing such poor persons, of what age or sex whatever they be, who may apply for relief, and shall be able to work; and shall have power and authority, at their discretion, to compel such idle or poor people, begging or seeking relief, as do not betake themselves to some lawful employment, or who do or shall hereafter seek or receive alms of any of the said Parishes, or who may stand in need of relief

from any of the said Parishes, to dwell, inhabit, and to work at the said Work House, and to do all such work as they shall think them able and fit for; and shall have the same powers to bind out poor children apprentices, as are by the laws of this Province given to the Overseers of the Poor in the several Towns or Parishes in this Province.

4. The said Commissioners so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to make such rules, orders, and regulations for the good government and management of the said Alms House and Work House, as they shall find necessary, (such rules and regulations to be approved of by the said Justices in their General Sessions,) and to inflict such correction and punishment, by solitary confinement or otherwise, from time to time as to them shall seem reasonable, on any person or persons within the said Alms House or Work House, who shall be set to work and shall not conform to such rules, orders, and regulations to be made as aforesaid, or shall misbehave in the same.

5. The said Commissioners shall, at the January Term of the General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, annually lay before the Justices in their said Sessions, an account, to be audited by the said Justices, of the expenses incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the Poor of the said Alms House and Work House for the past year, together with an estimate of what sum or sums of money will be needful for the maintenance or employment of the poor of the said Alms House and Work House for the current year; in which estimate shall be stated the proportion that each Town or Parish ought to pay, according to the number of persons that each Town or Parish shall have in the said Alms House, or committed to the care of such Commissioners, to the intent that no other levy or assessment may be made for any other maintenance or allowance to or for any such person.

6. The Commissioners to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, shall have full power and authority to contract and agree with the Overseers of the Poor of any Parish in the said County, or of any adjoining County of this Province, for the maintenance of any poor persons belonging to such Parishes respectively; which contract and agreement such Overseers are hereby authorized and empowered to make: provided always, that such Overseers shall pay or secure to be paid to the said Commissioners, such sum or sums of money as shall be so agreed for, and shall also report to the said Commissioners the names, character, and condition of all such poor persons within the said Parishes respectively, in whose behalf such application shall be made.

7. The profits of any work or labour to be performed under the direction of the said Commissioners, shall be duly accounted for by them, and applied towards the support and maintenance of the persons inhabiting within the said Alms House and Work House.

8. Until such time as a proper building shall be erected and prepared within the said Town or Parish of Newcastle, for the purposes by this Act contemplated, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners to be appointed as hereinbefore mentioned, to hire and make use of any other building or buildings, within the said Town or Parish of Newcastle, which they shall think fit and convenient for an Alms House and Work House, in manner and form as by this Act is prescribed.