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28 Victoria – Chapter 35

**An Act relating to the Grand Juries of the General Sessions of the Peace in the City and County of Saint John. Passed 8th June, 1865.**

Sheriff to summon one Grand Jury for the year; when Sheriff to summon Jury; when Jury shall attend; proviso.

Whereas owing to the frequent and protracted Sittings of the Circuit Courts for the City and County of Saint John, at which Grand Juries are always in regular attendance, and the very small amount of criminal business which at any time can be and actually is brought before the Court of Sessions, the summoning and attendance of twenty three other Grand Jurors besides, for the Court of Sessions four times in the year, for which such Sessions are held, is not only a useless expense on the County, but very burdensome on the parties liable to be summoned;—

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

It shall hereafter only be necessary for the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John to summon one Grand Jury for the said City and County, to attend the Court of Sessions in each year, which shall be done prior to and for the March Sessions, and which Grand Jury shall be and continue for such March Sessions, and for each of the other Sessions for that year; but it shall not be necessary for such Grand Jury to attend or exercise any of its functions at any other than the March Sessions, unless notified so to do by the Sheriff six days before the opening of the Court, upon an order of the Mayor or Recorder of the City for that purpose to be made, who shall grant the same on being satisfied that there is criminal business to be brought before the Court; provided that such Grand Jury shall in no case be so ordered or noticed to attend at the other three Sessions when there shall be another Grand Jury actually summoned for or in attendance at any Circuit Court for the said City and County; and if any such Circuit Court shall be sitting attended by a Grand Jury while such March Sessions shall be held, the Grand Jury regularly summoned and attending at such March Session shall only be required to attend to the examining and reporting on the public accounts and other matters not criminal within their jurisdiction.