

Duration of this act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of August, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and no longer.

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C H A P. V I I.

An ACT to amend an act, entitled, "An act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates in every district within this province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the members of the house of assembly,"

Preamble.

Recital of act 33 Geo. 3.

W I E R E A S by an act passed in the thirty-third year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "An act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates in every district within this province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the members of the house of assembly." The magistrates in and for the several districts, were authorized and empowered in their general quarter session, in the month of April assembled, or the greater part of them, to cause an estimate to be laid before them, of the sum or sums of money, that might be necessary to defray the charges and expences accruing in their respective districts for the uses and purposes in the said act mentioned: and whereas it seems necessary to enlarge their powers for the present year; Be it therefore enacted by the king's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and content of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act for making more effectual provision for the government of the province of Quebec in North-America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the magistrates of each and every district, if it shall and may to them seem necessary, in the general quarter sessions, now next ensuing the passing of this act, assembled or the greater part of them, to cause an estimate to be laid before them, of the sum or sums of money that may be necessary to defray the charges and expences accruing in their respective districts for the uses and purposes in the said act mentioned for the ensuing year; and having determined and resolved upon the same, to cause the amount of the sum so raised to be divided in an exact proportion to the rate with which each class is severally charged as herein before is provided in a certain act for that purpose, entitled an act to amend certain parts of an act, passed in the thirty-third year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates in every district within this province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the members of the house of assembly," and to declare that the assessment required will be half a rate, a third, fourth, fifth, eighth or any aliquot part of a rate, if it should not be deemed necessary to raise an entire rate, according to the proportions aforesaid, by computing the proportion which the sum proposed to be raised bears to the amount of the sum which shall have been raised by and under the authority of the first abovementioned act, or which shall have been or which legally may be raised by and under the authority of the act passed in the thirty-fourth year of his majesty's reign, entitled an act to amend certain parts of an act, passed in the thirty-third year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of assessments and rates in every district within this province, and to provide for the payment of wages to the members of the house of assembly," and to apply the same as in and by the above mentioned act or acts, or either of them, shall or may be directed: any thing in either of the said abovementioned act or acts to the contrary hereof, in anywise notwithstanding.

An entire rate or any aliquot part thereof may be laid & raised in every district whereof the magistrates in their next general sessions shall deem necessary for immediate exigencies.

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