

Formation of Fire-Companies and privileges granted to the Members of such Companies in Police Towns.

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 so soon as one or more Company or Companies shall be formed in any Town where a Police is or may be established by Law, of Persons voluntarily enrolling themselves as Fire-men, being Inhabitants of the said Town, under the Provisions of the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, in any District in which such Town may be situated in General Quarter Sessions assembled, or the majority of them being satisfied of the efficiency of such persons and accepting their enrollment to direct the Clerk of the Peace for such District, to grant to each member of such Corps or Company a certificate that he is enrolled on the same, which certificate shall exempt the individual named therein during the period of his enrollment and his continuance in actual duty as such Fire-man from Militia duty in time of Peace, from serving as a Jurymen or a Constable, and from all other Parish and Town-Offices; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons serving in such Companies may be discharged for neglect or misconduct.

II. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be in the power of the Justices of the Peace, in and for any District in this Province, or the majority of them, at any General or Adjourned Sessions, upon complaint to them made of neglect of duty by any individual of such Fire Company, to examine into the same, and for any such cause; and also, in case of conviction of any individual of such Company for a breach of any of the rules legally made for the regulation of the same, to strike off the name of any such individual from the list of such Company, and from thenceforward, the certificate which may have been granted to such individual as aforesaid, shall have no effect in exempting him from any duty or service, in the preceding clause of this Act mentioned. *Provided always nevertheless,* that it shall be in the discretion of the Justices of the Peace for any District of this Province, or the majority of them, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, to consent to the formation as aforesaid, of any Fire Company under the provisions of this Act for any Police Town within their District, or to defer the same until the circumstances of any such town may, in their opinion, render it expedient, and that they may, also, in their discretion from time to time discontinue or renew any such Company or Companies.

Justices to have discretion as to forming and continuing such Companies.



CHAP. IX.

AN ACT to provide for the improvement of the Light House on Gibraltar Point, and for imposing duties for defraying the charge of the same and for erecting other Houses in this Province.

[Passed 30th January, 1826]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide a fund for the support of the Light House on Gibraltar Point, and to render the same more servicea-

ble: *Be it therefore enacted* by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent 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, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign 'intituled 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 out of the Rates and Duties now Raised, Levied and Collected, or hereafter to be Raised, Levied, and Collected, and remaining in the hands of the Receiver General unappropriated, there be applied such Sum, not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds, as may be necessary for procuring good and sufficient Lamps and Reflectors, and making such other improvements as may be necessary for rendering the same effective.

A sum not exceeding £200 granted for repairing the Light House on Gibraltar Point.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That such Sum as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, shall be paid to the Collector of the Customs for the Port of York, in discharge of such Warrant as may be issued for that purpose by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, and that such Collector shall have Authority to apply the same for the purposes of this Act.

To be paid to the Collector of York.

III. *And in order to provide a fund for the support of the said Light House, Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Master of every Decked Vessel of more than Fifteen and less than Fifty Tons burthen, except as hereinafter mentioned, entering the Port of York, shall pay a Sum of Seven Shillings and Six Pence, for Light House Duty, to the Collector of the said Port, and that the Master of every Vessel above Fifty Tons burthen, except as hereinafter mentioned, entering the Port of York, shall pay a Sum of Twelve Shillings and Six Pence for Light House Duty to such Collector as aforesaid.

Light House Duties imposed.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That for any Vessel trading as a Packet to and from the Port of York during the Season, and having stated periods of sailing from the said Port, once at least, in each and every week, the Master or Owner thereof, may, upon payment of the sum of Fifteen Pounds, obtain from the Collector of the Port of York, a Licence to run as a Packet to and from the said Port, without payment of the Duty hereinbefore mentioned, and such Licence shall exempt such Vessel from the Duty herein mentioned, for the Season in which the same was granted.

Regulations with respect to Packets.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any Vessel, entering the Port of York, and liable to the payment of any duty in

Penalty for omitting to pay the Duty. this Act mentioned, shall land Goods or Passengers, and the Owner or Master of such Vessel, shall refuse, or omit within twenty four hours, to pay the Duty by this Act required, such Vessel shall be liable to Seizure and Forfeiture and may be proceeded against in the same manner as for other causes of forfeiture, under the Revenue Laws of this Province.

Amount of Duties how to be applied and accounted for VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the amount of Duties received under this Act, shall be paid into the hands of His Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, and shall be applied to the reimbursement of the Money's hereby authorized to be paid in rendering the Light House on Gibraltar Point more serviceable, and in the annual support of the said Light House; and that any surplus above the expenditure required for the purposes, shall remain and accumulate as a fund for providing Light Houses in other parts of this Province.



CHAP. X.

AN ACT to Impose a Tax upon Dogs in certain Towns in this Province.

[*Passed 30th January, 1826.*]

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to Impose a Tax upon Dogs in certain Towns in this province: *Be it therefore enacted,* by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent 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, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, '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 from and after the first day of April next, every person residing within the limits of any Town in this Province, which now is or hereafter may be subject by Law, to Police Regulations, or within one mile thereof, shall pay or cause to be paid, for each and every Dog of the age of six months and upwards, which shall be kept by any such person, the sum of five shillings annually.

Tax imposed on Dogs in Police Towns

How collected. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace residing within the limits of any such Town at a Special Session to be by them held for that purpose, to appoint a person to Assess, Levy and Collect the said Taxes; and that the Collector so appointed may deduct at the rate of six Pounds for every hundred Pounds, and no more, as a full compensation for his