

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America, passed in the year 1808.
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48 George III – Chapter 14

An Act for the better regulation of Parish and Town Officers throughout this Province. Passed 16th March, 1808.

Whereas the provisions contained in the seventh, eighth and tenth clauses of an act of the parliament of this Province, passed in the forty-sixth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, "*an act to alter and amend an act passed in the thirty third year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "an act to provide for the nomination and appointment of parish and town officers within this Province,"*" have been found inexpedient; 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, & 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and by the authority of the same, That the said seventh, eighth and tenth clauses be and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every collector of rates for the respective townships of this Province, hereafter to be chosen, nominated and appointed, shall within one month after such nomination, or before he shall collect any money, enter into a bond jointly and severally, with two sufficient freeholders, to the treasurer of the district for which he shall be so nominated or appointed, in the sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of this province; which bond shall be in the following form:

Know all men by these presents, that I A. B. collector of rates for the township of _____ in the district of _____ C. D. and E. F. of the same place, yeomen, (or as the case may be) are held and firmly bound to I. O. treasurer of the district of _____ in the sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of Upper Canada, for which payment well and truly to be made to the said I. O. we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals. Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ &c. &c.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden A. B. shall collect and levy all the rates and assessments of the township or townships of _____ for the present year, ending on the first Monday in March next, so far as the law may enable him to do, and shall pay all the money which he shall so collect and levy, to the treasurer of the said district on or before the eighth day of March next, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Signed, &c.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the town clerks in their respective townships, and they are hereby required to provide such bond and transmit the same to the treasurer of said district, within one month after the said bond shall be executed, for which each and every of them shall be allowed the sum of five shillings, to be paid out of the district treasury.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act if any person who shall be chosen or nominated as a collector, shall die, or leave the parish or township, within the year for which he shall be chosen or nominated, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the peace in quarter sessions assembled, or the majority of them, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy occasioned and be such death or removal, and such collector so nominated, shall be and he is hereby declared to be vested with the same power and liable to the same penalties as any collector nominated and appointed under any act or acts of the Legislature of this province.