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56 George III – Chapter 19

An Act to authorise and provide for the building a Gaol and Court-House in the Town of York, in the Home District, within this Province. Passed 22d March, 1816.

Whereas the building used as a Court-House of the Home District during the late war with the United States of America, has been destroyed by the Enemy, and the Gaol of the said District, is in so bad a state as to require re-building, May it please your Majesty therefore that it may be enacted, and be it 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, 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 a Gaol and Court-House shall be erected in the Town of York, in the Home District of the said Province, in manner hereinafter mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Justices of the Peace within the said District at the General Quarter Sessions assembled, shall be authorized, and they are hereby authorized by such means as shall to them seem most convenient and for the public good, to procure different plans and elevations of a Gaol and Court-House to be laid before them for the purpose of Erecting and determining upon one of the said plans and elevations, which shall be approved of, by the greater part of the said Justices then and there assembled.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any two or more of the said Justices assembled in manner aforesaid, in the name on behalf of the Inhabitants of the said Home District, to Contract and they are hereby authorized to Contract, with any Person or Persons who shall be desirous of building and erecting the said Gaol and Court-House, according to the plan so approved of as aforesaid, upon a scite or situation to be determined upon, by the said Justices or the major part of them, so assembled as aforesaid, and for the purpose, the said plan and elevation shall remain and continue in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace of the said Home District, for General Inspection, and Public Notice shall be given, to all Persons willing to Contract for the erecting and building of the said Gaol and Court-House, to deliver in, within a certain limited time, written Proposals under seal, of the sum of money for which he or they shall engage to build such Gaol or Court-House, conformably to certain articles and conditions to be agreed upon, by the Justices then present or the major part of them as aforesaid, and that the said Justices shall on a day for that purpose previously to be fixed, openly examine the said proposals so delivered in as aforesaid, and shall be empowered and are hereby required to Contract with such Person or Persons as shall offer to undertake to erect and build the said Gaol and Court-House for the lowest price, provided the Person or Persons making such Proposals, shall give and enter into good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the Justices

of the major part of them in manner aforesaid, for the due performance of their Contract;
Provided always, that in any articles to be entered into for erecting and building the said Gaol and Court-House, the Person or Persons Contracting, shall engage to compleat, the same within twenty-four months after the execution of the instrument of Contract.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every unappropriated sum or sums of money that are now or may hereafter come into the hands of the Treasurer, of the said Home District, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, 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," shall and may be applied by the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled, or the major part of them in discharge of the expences of erecting and building the said Gaol and Court-House.

V. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the twelfth Clause of an Act passed in the thirty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for building a Gaol and Court House in every District within this Province, and also for altering the name of the said Districts" shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.