

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1816. York: R. C. Horne, 1816.

56 George III – Chapter 35 (2)

An Act to regulate the Police, within the Town of Kingston. Passed 1st of April, 1816.

Whereas, the Population of the Town of Kingston is much increased in the number of Inhabitants, and further Provision is necessary to be made for the Internal Regulation of the said Town; 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Magistrates assembled, in General Quarter Sessions, for the Midland District, or the majority of them, to make, ordain, constitute and publish such prudential Rules and Regulations, as they may deem expedient relative to Paving, keeping in Repair, and improving the Streets of the said Town, regulating Slaughter Houses, and Nuisances, and also to enforce the said Town Laws, relative to Horses, Swine or Cattle of any kind from running at Large, in said Town; relative to the Inspection of Weights and Measures, Fire Men and Fire Companies. Provided always, That nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to the Regulating or ascertaining the Price of any Commodities, or articles of Provisions that may be offered for sale; Provided also, That such rules and regulations be not contrary to, or inconsistent with the Laws and Statutes of this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, for the Midland District, or the major part of them, in the month of April, in each and every year, may raise, by assessment from the persons rated upon any assessment for property in the Town of Kingston, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds in any one year, for purchasing and keeping in repair, Fire Engines, Ladders, Buckets, and other Utensils, for the extinguishing of Fires, and for making any other necessary improvement in the said Town, exclusive of the sum such person may be rated for, in and upon any other assessment of this Province, and in order to carry the said assessment into effect, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Peace for the Midland District, to select from the general assessments of the said Midland District, a list or assessment of the rateable property that each and every person owns or possesses in the said Town of Kingston, ready to be laid before the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled for the Midland District, in April in each and every year.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such assessment as aforesaid, shall be raised, levied, collected and paid in proportion to the sum that such person is rated for, upon any assessment he may possess or hold in the said Town of Kingston, and subject to such Rules and Regulations as may be made by the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions for the said District, for the purpose of raising, collecting and paying any sum collected, to the Treasurer of the said

District, which said sum shall be applied from time to time in such manner for the purposes aforesaid, as the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, or the majority of them shall direct and appoint.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or the major part of them, as often as they shall make and publish any such Rules and Regulations for the purposes aforesaid, may make, ordain, limit and provide such reasonable Fines against the Offenders of such Rules and Regulations as they may think proper, not exceeding forty shillings for any one offence, to be prosecuted before any Commissioner of the Peace of the Town of Kingston, upon the oath of one credible witness, and to be levied by Warrant, under the hand and seal of such Commissioner, upon the Goods and Chattels of such offender; and that one moiety of the sum so levied shall go to the Informer, and the other moiety shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said District, for the use of the said Town.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every such Rule and Regulation so made as aforesaid, before it shall have effect, shall be published in the Kingston Gazette, and also be posted up in three or more public places in the said Town.