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57 George III – Chapter 2

An Act to establish a Police in the Towns of York, Sandwich and Amherstburgh. Passed the 7th Day of April, 1817.

Whereas, it is expedient to Provide for the Regulation of the Police of the Town of York, in the Home District, and the Towns of Sandwich and Amherstburgh, in the Western District of this Province; 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 be lawful for the Magistrates assembled in Quarter Sessions, for each of the said Districts respectively, or the Majority of them, to Make, Ordain, Constitute and Publish such prudential Rules and Regulations as they may deem expedient relative to Paving, Lighting, keeping in Repair and Improving the Streets of the said Towns respectively; regulating the Assize of Bread, 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 Towns; relative to the Inspection of Weights, Measures, Firemen 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 Provision other than Bread, 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. And provided always, That the Beach, east of Russel's Creek, and Carriage-way in front of the Town of York, be taken and considered as part of the said Town, and be subject to the Regulations of its Police as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, for the said Districts respectively, 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 said Towns respectively, 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 Improvements in the said Towns, 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 said Districts respectively, to select from the general Assessments of the said Districts respectively, a List or Assessment of the rateable Property, that each and every Person owns or possesses in the said Towns respectively, ready to be laid before the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled for the said Districts respectively, 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 Towns respectively, and subject to such Rules and Regulations as may be made by the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions, for the said Districts respectively, 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 upon the Offenders, against such Rules and Regulations as they may think proper, not exceeding Forty shillings for any one Offence, to be recovered before any Commissioner of the Peace of the said Towns respectively, upon the Oath of one credible Witness, and 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 Districts, for the Uses of the said Towns respectively.

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, and also be be Posted up in Three or more Public places in the said Towns respectively.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates as aforesaid shall, and they are hereby Authorized to order the same Fees to be allowed and paid to the Treasurer, Collector, and Clerk of the Peace, for the Extra Duties imposed by this Act, as are paid to the said Officers under any Assessment Law of this Province.