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**An Act to establish a Market in the Town of Niagara, in the Niagara District. Passed the 7th day of April, 1817.**

Whereas, it is expedient for the Convenience of the Inhabitants of the District of Niagara, that a Market should be established in the Town of Niagara, in the said District, and that the Time and Place for holding such Market should be ascertained 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, 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 from and after the Passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the Peace in the District of Niagara, in their Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, and they are hereby Authorized and Empowered to fix upon, and establish some convenient Place in the Town of Niagara as a Market, where Butcher's Meat, Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Fish, and Vegetables shall be exposed to Sale, and to Appoint such Days and Hours for that Purpose, and to make such other Orders and Regulations relative thereto as they shall deem expedient.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall be, and they are hereby Authorized and Empowered to Impose such Fines not exceeding Twenty Shillings, for any Offence Committed against such Rules and Regulations, as to them in their Discretion shall seem requisite and proper.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such Orders, Rules and Regulations, shall be Published by causing a Copy of them to be Affixed in the most Public place in every Township in the said District, and at the Doors of the Church and Court House of the said Town of Niagara, and that such Orders, Rules and Regulations shall not be in Force, until Three weeks after such Publication.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall transgress the Orders and Regulations so made by the said Commissioners, such Person shall for every such Transgression, forfeit the Sum of which in every such Order, Rule and Regulation shall be specified, to be recovered by Information, before any one Commissioner of the Peace, 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 Chattles of such Offender; and that the One moiety of the Sum so levied, shall go to the Informer, the other Moiety shall be Paid into the Hands of His Majesty's Receiver General, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the public Uses of this

Province, and towards the Support of the Government thereof, to be accounted for to His Majesty through the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, in such manner and form as it shall please His Majesty to direct.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled for the said District, or the Major part of them, in the Month of July, in the present Year, may raise by Assessment, from the Persons rated upon any Assessment for Property in the said Town of Niagara, a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, for the Purpose of erecting a Market House, in the said Town of Niagara, 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 District, to select from the general Assessments of the said District, a List or Assessment of the Rateable Property, that each and every Person owns or possesses in the said Town of Niagara, ready to be laid before the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled for the said District, in the month of July.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Clerk of the Peace, shall in the List or Assessment so to be made out as aforesaid, insert the Name or Names of each and every Person or Persons holding Town Lots, in the said Town of Niagara, as far as it may be in his power to ascertain the same.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That to enable the Magistrates in Sessions, to raise the sum of One Hundred Pounds aforesaid with equity, each and every Town lot in the said Town of Niagara, shall in the list to be made out by the Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, be rated at the Sum of Fifty Pounds, Province Currency.