

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1827. York: Robert Stanton, 1827.

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**An Act to provide for the Erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Eastern District. Passed 17th Feb'y. 1827.**

Whereas the Gaol and Court House for the Eastern District have been recently destroyed by fire, and it is necessary to provide for the safe custody of prisoners, and the accommodation of the several Courts of Justice.

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, 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 Donald McDonell Esquire, Sheriff of the said District, James Pringle Esquire, and Noah Dickenson Esquire, shall be Commissioners for the purpose of superintending the erection of a Gaol and Court House in the Town of Cornwall, in and for the said District.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a majority of the said Commissioners shall decide in all matters relating to the erection and completion of the said Gaol and Court House. Provided nevertheless, that the said Gaol and Court House shall not be erected on any other site than that on which the original Gaol and Court House for the said District was erected.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners so to be appointed as aforesaid shall have power to raise by Loan, at a rate of Interest not exceeding Six per Cent, from such person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as may be willing to lend the same on the credit of the District, a sum of money not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds, to be applied for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and not otherwise; and the Treasurer of the District, for the time being shall enter into a Bond to the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, from whom the same may be loaned, for the due payment of the said Sum of Money and the interest thereon at such time, and times as may be agreed upon, and such Bond shall constitute a debt and charge, binding upon the Treasury, but not upon the said Treasurer in his individual and personal capacity.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Treasurer of the said District, shall annually until the said loan shall be paid and discharged with interest, apply towards the payment thereof, not less than Three Hundred Pounds, from and out of the rates and Assessments of the said District.

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V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case the Commissioners for the building of the said Gaol and Court House, shall not within three Months from the passing of this Act, be enabled to effect or obtain a Loan for the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to be repaid in manner aforesaid, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the Magistrates of the said District, in General Sessions assembled to levy by Assessment, to be made on each and every Inhabitant house holder in the said District, in the same manner and form as by Law any Assessment may now or hereafter be levied for any public purposes in the said District, annually for such term of years as may be necessary to repay the said sum of money and interest, and no longer, an additional Rate, not exceeding one Half Penny in the Pound, to be applied for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and not otherwise.