

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1831. York: Robert Stanton, 1831.

1 William IV – Chapter 10

**An Act for vesting in Trustees, the Market Square in the Town of York, for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town. Passed 16th March, 1831.**

Whereas Alexander Wood and Thomas Stoyell of the Town of York have by their Petition set forth that, by His Majesty's Letters Patent the Market Square in the said Town, containing about four Acres and a half, had been granted in Fee Simple to the Honorable Henry Alcock, the Honorable Peter Russell, the Honorable Aeneas Shaw, and the Honorable John McGill, without expressing as was intended any trust, that the same was intended for the use of the Public as a Market, and that the said John McGill, the sole surviving Grantee, by a certain Indenture of Lease for Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years, made between him and the said Petitioners, then serving as Town and Church Wardens for the said Town, and which said Indenture of Lease has been lost and cannot be found, hath as such survivor Leased the same to the Petitioners and their Successors in the said offices of Church and Town Wardens, for the management of the same for the use of the Public of the said Town, and that they were desirous of being relieved from the said trust, and praying that a Bill might be passed vesting the Market Square in Trustees, to for and upon such trusts as might be deemed proper: And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, and to make further provisions vesting the said Estate:—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 the said Market Square, or ground appearing upon the Official Map of Survey of the said Town of York as Reserved for a Market, containing as is said about four and a half Acres more or less, be and the same is hereby vested in the Church and Town Wardens for the time being, and in their Successors in the said offices for ever hereafter, as a Corporation for Leasing and managing the same as hereafter mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Church and Town Wardens for the time being, as such Corporation, shall have full authority and power to Lease the same in such parcels, and for and upon such terms as the Magistrates for the said District shall, in General or adjourned Sessions, from time to time order and direct.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all Monies arising from such Lease or Leases shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said District, and shall be at the disposal of the Magistrates of the said District for Public uses, for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town of York, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to do away, or in any manner to interfere with the present Leases of the said Market Square, but that the same shall be taken and considered to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

V. And whereas a certain part of the said Market Square, known as Lot number twelve in Market Lane, has been heretofore used for the purpose of a Common School House for the said Town, and it is expedient to provide for the permanent application of the same for the purposes of such Common School: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Lot number twelve aforesaid shall be, and the same is hereby deemed to be vested in the Trustees of the said Common School, and their successors duly appointed according to Law, as a Corporation for that purpose.