

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1837. York: Robert Stanton, 1837.

7 William IV – Chapter 40

An Act to authorise the Magistrates of the Home District to erect a New Gaol within the said District. Passed 4th March, 1837.

Whereas, it appears by the Petition of the Magistrates of the Home District, that the Gaol of the said District is become so unsafe, that it is absolutely necessary for the safe keeping of Prisoners, that a new one should be erected, and that the situation of the present Gaol in the centre of the City of Toronto is highly objectionable, and that it is necessary to provide by Law for the erection of a new one: 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 Justices of the Peace for the said Home District, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, either at the next General Quarter Sessions after the passing of this Act, or at any subsequent General Quarter Sessions, shall be authorised, and they are hereby authorised, by such means as to them shall seem most fitting and convenient, to procure different Plans and Elevations of a Gaol and Court House, or either of them, to be laid before them, for the purpose of selecting one of the said Plans and Elevations, which shall be approved by a majority of the Justices then and there assembled.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any two or more of the said Justices, assembled in manner and form aforesaid, together with any other person or persons whom they may appoint in the name and on the behalf of the inhabitants of the said District, to contract, and they the said other person and persons are hereby enabled and authorised, to contract with any person or persons who shall be willing to build the said Gaol and Court House, or either of them, according to the Plan so approved of, as aforesaid, upon any site within the City of Toronto, which the said Justices may approve of.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said new Gaol, when completed for the reception of Prisoners, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be the Common Gaol of the Home District.