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Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1839. Toronto: Robert Stanton, 1839.

2 Victoria – Chapter 28

An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to erect certain Townships now forming parts of the Districts of Bathurst, Johnstown and Ottawa, into a separate District, to he called the District of Dalhousie." Passed 11th May, 1839.

Whereas by an Act passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to erect certain Townships now forming parts of the Districts of Bathurst, Johnstown and Ottawa, into a separate District, to be called the District of Dalhousie," it is provided, that the Gaol and Court House for the said District of Dalhousie shall be erected on some part of the ground reserved or set apart by Government for such public uses, in the town of Bytown: And whereas no such ground appears to have been reserved or set apart: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 Gaol and Court House for the said District of Dalhousie shall be erected on such piece or plot of ground in the town of Bytown as shall be selected by John Bower Lewis, Member of the Provincial Parliament, Archibald Petrie, Esquire, of the Ottawa Districts and George Longley, Esquire, of the Township of Augusta, in the Johnstown District, Commissioners hereby appointed for that purpose, or a majority of them: Provided however, that before any money shall be expended on the said Building a good and sufficient title for the said ground shall be obtained.