

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

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An Act to authorize the raising of One Thousand Pounds, by an additional rate or levy of One Half-penny in the Pound, upon the Inhabitants of the Western District, for the purpose of relieving the said District from debt, and of enabling the Justices of the Peace of that District to repair and improve the Gaol at Sandwich. Passed 11th May, 1839.

Whereas the Gaol and Court House at Sandwich, in the Western District, are become very much dilapidated and out of repair, and the same are not sufficiently secure or commodious for the detention of Prisoners therein: And whereas certain persons, inhabitants of the said District, have, in their petition to the Legislature of this Province, set forth, that in consequence of various unavoidable expenses to which the said District has of late been subjected, it has become largely indebted to sundry persons, and a considerable sum of money is moreover necessary for the improvement of the Gaol at Sandwich aforesaid, and that there are not any means of discharging the said debt, or of satisfying the parties, Creditors of the said District, or for repairing, enlarging and improving the Gaol, where absolutely necessary, unless an Act of Parliament be passed, imposing an additional rate upon property within the said District: 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 as well in order to provide funds for the liquidation and discharge of all and every sum and sums of money, claims and demands, due or payable to any person or persons by the said District, (such claims and demands acknowledged already, or hereafter to be acknowledged or admitted, by the Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, to be justly due to him, her or them) as to provide funds for the enlarging, repairing and improving, the Common Gaol at Sandwich aforesaid, with its yards, fences and appurtenances, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of the said District, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, and they are hereby required, to levy, by assessment to be made on each and every inhabitant householder in the said District, in the same manner and form as by law any assessment may now or hereafter be levied for any public purpose in the said District, an additional rate of One Half-penny in the Pound, upon all assessable property within the said District, until the sum hereinafter authorized to be borrowed for paying the said debt, and for defraying the expenses of repairing the said Gaol, and all interest thereon, shall be fully discharged.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any five or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said Western District,

in General Quarter Sessions assembled, either at the next, or any subsequent Court to be holden after the passing of this Act, together with any other person or persons by them appointed, and in the name or on the behalf of the inhabitants of the said District, to contract, and the said other person or persons is, and are hereby authorized, to contract with any person who may be willing to alter, repair, enlarge, or otherwise improve the said Gaol and Court House, with the fences and appurtenances belonging thereto.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Justices of the Peace, so assembled as aforesaid, shall have power to raise by loan, at a rate of interest not greater than six per cent per annum, from such person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as may be willing to lend the same on the credit of the said District, a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, to be paid and appropriated by the Treasurer of the said District as follows: (that is to say) — a sum not exceeding Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds to discharge all such debts, claims and demands, due by the said District, and the remainder of the said sum of One Thousand Pounds to the repairing, altering, enlarging or otherwise improving the said Gaol and Court House, with the yard and appurtenances belonging thereto; and that the bond or agreement, under the hand and seal of the Treasurer of the said District, to be given for the repayment of such loan under the authority of this Act, (which bond or agreement the said Treasurer is hereby authorised to give,) shall constitute a debt and charge binding upon the Treasury of the said District, but not upon such Treasurer in his individual and personal capacity.