

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1840. York: Robert Stanton, 1840.

3 Victoria – Chapter 44

**An Act to authorise the levying an additional Rate on the Inhabitants of the Midland District, for the payment of the Debt of the District, and for other purposes therein-mentioned. Passed 10th February, 1840.**

Whereas the Magistrates and sundry Inhabitants of the Midland District, have by Petition set forth that it is highly desirable that a Wall should be erected around the Midland District Gaol, in the Town of Kingston, as well for the purpose of affording the benefits of air and exercise to the Prisoners confined therein, from which they are now necessarily excluded, as for the more secure custody of the said Prisoners, and also for the construction of a Guard House connected therewith, and also for liquidating the Public Debt, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said Petition should be complied with: And whereas the present state of the funds of the said Midland District will not admit of its being done, except by laying an additional Assessment upon the said District, for which the Petitioners have also prayed: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said Midland District, to contract with such person as may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the District funds, for the loan of a sum of money sufficient to the before-mentioned purpose.

II. And for discharging the principal and interest of the loan so contracted for as aforesaid: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said Midland District, in Quarter Sessions assembled, to order an Assessment of one penny in the pound, to be levied on the ratable property or the said District, which said Rate or Assessment shall be levied and collected in like manner as other Rates and Assessments are now by law collected, until the said loan shall be liquidated: Provided always, that the amount to be raised, levied and collected as aforesaid, shall not exceed the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Assessment authorised to be raised by this Act, be applied for the payment of the building of the said Wall, the erection of the said Guard House, and making the Gaol Ground secure for the safe-keeping of the Prisoners, and for paying off the District debt, and to no other purpose whatsoever.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no per centage be allowed to the Treasurer of the District, nor to any Assessor or Collector, for the moneys raised and collected by the provisions of this Act.