

An Act to ratify the purchase made of a House and Lot for a Marine Hospital for the City and Port of Saint John, and for vesting the title thereto in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of St. John, for the purpose aforesaid.

Passed the 19th March, 1827. WHEREAS the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of an Act made and passed in the Third year of His present Majesty's Reign, in titled "An Act to alter an Act, to provide for sick and disabled Seamen not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide Buildings for the accommodation of the same," deemed it expedient to purchase a House and lot of land for a Marine Hospital, for the Port and City of Saint John, instead of erecting a Building for that purpose on some part of the Public lands of the Corporation of the said City, as contemplated by the fourth and fifth Sections of the said in part recited Act; and accordingly did make such purchase with the consent and approbation of the then President and Commander in Chief of the Province, of a house and lot of land situate in Sidney Ward of the said City, being the lot known and described in the Royal Grant of that part of the said City formerly called Parr Town, by the number eleven hundred and sixty seven, fronting on the South side of Stormont Street, being forty feet in width and extending back one hundred feet more or less; and the same were conveyed by John C. M'Pherson, the proprietor thereof, to the Honorable William Black, one of the said Commissioners, in whom the title thereto now rests: And whereas doubts are entertained as to the power and authority of the said Commissioners to make the said purchase for the removal whereof, and in order to vest the property and title of the said house and lot of land, and other the Premises in the deed of conveyance, to the said William Black, expressed and described in the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, for the use intended.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the said purchase so made by the said Commissioners, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and that the said William Black, be, and he is hereby authorised and required to grant, assign, and convey, the said described lot of land, and the Buildings thereon, to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of St. John: To have and to hold the same to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty and their Successors for ever; in trust for the use and purpose of such Marine Hospital as aforesaid: and that the said house and land and other the premises in the said deed of conveyance described and expressed, shall for ever hereafter remain and be appropriated solely for the use of a Marine Hospital for the said Port and City of Saint John, and be under the exclusive controul and management of the said Commissioners, for the time being, in the same manner to all intents and purposes, as if the said Building had been erected on a part of the public lands of the said corporation of the said City, laid out and set apart for that purpose, by the said corporation, as is provided by the said fifth Section of the same Act, saving nevertheless the rights of all persons other than the said John C. M'Pherson and William Black and their respective Heirs Executors and Administrators, to the same land and premises.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said lot of land and the Buildings thereon, or any part thereof, shall not in any way, or by any means whatever, be alienated or granted or disposed of by the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty, or their Successors, or the

said Commissioners, for any other purpose whatever, than herein before stated, without an Act of the General Assembly authorising the same.

And whereas it may be expedient to purchase a lot or lots adjoining the said Marine Hospital, for the purpose of such Hospital:—Be it further enacted, that if the Commissioners should agree for the purchase of such other lot or lots, and such purchase should be approved of and sanctioned by the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief of the Province for the time being, the same shall be conveyed to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty, to hold to them and their Successors forever for the purposes aforesaid, in the same manner as the premises above mentioned, and subject to all the rules regulations and restrictions, as to the use and assignment of the same hereinbefore expressed and contained.

An Act to provide for the erection of a new Court House and Gaol in the County of Northumberland.

Passed the 19th March 1827. WHEREAS the Court House and Gaol in and for the County of Northumberland were destroyed in the great conflagration in October one thousand eight hundred and twenty five; and it is necessary that other Buildings should be erected in the Shire Town of that County, not only to supply the places of those so destroyed, but that the Building for a Gaol should be so constructed as to answer the purpose also of a House of Correction.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace, for the said County, at any General Session of the Peace, to be hereafter holden, or at any Special Session for that purpose expressly convened and holden, or the major part of them so assembled be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to take the necessary steps for the erection of two Buildings on the Public lot in Newcastle, one of which to be suitable and convenient in their judgment, for a Court House for the said County, and the other suitable and convenient for the double purpose of a Gaol and a House of Correction: and to cause all necessary and proper measures to be pursued and taken at such Session, or any adjourned or General Session, by themselves or by one or more Committees of management, for that purpose to be appointed, to contract with able and sufficient workmen for erecting and finishing such Buildings, for such sum or sums of money, and in such manner and form as shall be approved of by the said Justices.

II. And be it further enacted, That towards the erection and completion of such Buildings, the said Justices are hereby fully empowered at any such General Session, to order and appoint, to be raised by assessment upon the said County, such sum or sums of money as they shall from time to time, think fit and proper, according to the circumstances of the County, not exceeding in the whole one thousand pounds, which sum or sums shall be assessed, levied, collected and paid, and accounted for in such manner, and by such and the like way and means, and under and subject to like pains and penalties, as by law are provided for the assessing, levying and collecting of, and accounting for any County or Parish Rates in this Province.

III. And be it further enacted, That all monies so collected and paid from time to time, shall be applied in equal portions towards the erection and finishing of the said two Buildings.

IV. Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall not go into operation, until it shall be duly ascertained,

whether the Royal Assent has been given to an Act made and passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, for dividing the said County into three Counties: and if the said Act shall receive the Royal Assent, and the same shall be announced by Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief; then this Act shall not extend or be construed to extend beyond the limits of the said County of Northumberland, as described in the same Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within the Towns or Settlements on the River Miramichi.

Passed the 19th March, 1827. WHEREAS from the great augmentation of the Population of the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, and other Towns at and near the entrance of the Miramichi River, in the County of Northumberland, it has become expedient for the safety of the Inhabitants, to make more effectual regulations for preventing the importation of Infectious Distempers in that District, than are already by law provided.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That no Vessel having on board the Yellow Fever, Putrid Bilious Fever, or any other pestilential or contagious Distemper whatsoever, or coming from any place infected with any such Distempers, shall come or proceed, or be navigated further from the Sea into the River Miramichi, than Ferrill's Point, below Middle Island, until such Vessel shall, after her arrival, have anchored at or below the same place; and there have remained at anchor for three days; or until such Vessel shall have been duly inspected and examined, and shall have obtained a Licence for that purpose, from two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, which Licence shall in no case be granted in less than three days after anchorage as aforesaid:—And in case such Licence shall be deemed, and it shall be judged expedient by the Justices of the Peace for the said County, or any two of them, that the said Vessel with its cargo and all persons on board the said Vessel should ride or perform Quarantine; then the Master or Commander, or other person having charge of the said Vessel, for the time being, shall cause the said Vessel with all the persons and goods and cargo on board to anchor in such place, and for such time (not exceeding forty days) as the said Justices, or any two of them shall direct and appoint: and any Master or any person having charge as aforesaid, who shall disobey or contravene any such direction or appointment, or neglect to execute and perform the same, or who shall without Licence for that purpose, first had and obtained from the said Justices, or any two of them, go on Shore, or put on Shore, or unlade, or assist in putting on Shore or unlading any person or goods from any such Vessel as aforesaid, before the said Quarantine, or time of anchoring, so limited, directed and appointed shall be fully completed and expired, shall for each and every offence forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Commander of every Vessel having on board the Yellow Fever, Putrid Bilious Fever, or any other pestilential or contagious Distemper, or coming from any place, infected with any such Distempers, shall immediately after her arrival at, or within Fox Island in the Bay of Miramichi, hoist such vessel's ensign with the

union down, or if there be no Ensign on board, then he shall hoist such other colour as shall be on board, half Mast, and continue the said signal so hoisted until a Licence be had to remove the same, from the said Justices, or any two of them, which Licence shall in no case be granted in less than three days after first anchoring as aforesaid, under the penalty of twenty pounds for each and every offence.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County, in General or Special Session convened, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required to nominate and appoint by warrant, under their hands and seals one or more Physicians or Physicians, who shall have power and authority to go on board, visit and inspect all Vessels arriving as aforesaid, which may be suspected of having on board the said Yellow Fever, Putrid Bilious Fevers, or other pestilential or contagious Distemper, and who are required at the instance of the said Justices, or any one of them, to go on board such suspected Vessel or Vessels, and make full inquiry and examination into the state of the health of all persons on board, or who have been on board during any part of the voyage, and whether the said Vessel or Vessels came from, or touched at any place, infected with any of the Distempers aforesaid, and into and concerning all circumstances and matters in any wise touching and concerning the prevalence of any of the said Distempers at any place where the said Vessel or Vessels may have touched, or from which the said Vessel or Vessels may have sailed; and the said Physician or Physicians performing such duty, shall make report in writing to the said Justices or any one of them, so requesting him or them, to go on board and make examination as aforesaid, of the result of such examination and inquiry, with his or their opinion and advice thereon; and shall for each and every visit so made, be entitled to demand and receive from the Master or Owner of such Vessel so visited the sum of thirty shillings, to be sued for and recovered in any Court competent to take cognizance of the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Commander of every Vessel arriving and coming from any such infected place as aforesaid, or having on board any person or persons infected, or who during the voyage shall have been infected with any of the Fevers or Distempers aforesaid; or on board of which Vessel any person shall have died of any such Fever or Distemper, or being infected therewith shall have landed or quitted the Vessel during the said voyage, shall permit such Physician or Physicians at all reasonable times to come on board and make the inquiry and examination aforesaid, and make and give to him a true and full discovery and relation of all the matters, things, and circumstances aforesaid; and if any such Master or Commander shall refuse or neglect to make such full and true discovery and relation as aforesaid, or shall suppress, conceal or deny the truth in any particular relating thereto, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence the sum of two hundred pounds.

V. And be it further enacted, That no person or persons whatsoever, other than a Physician appointed as aforesaid shall go on board any Vessel so arriving and coming from any place so infected as aforesaid; or which shall have on-board any person or persons infected as aforesaid with any of the Fevers, or Distempers aforesaid, after her having therein hoisted such signal as aforesaid, before the granting of such Licence as aforesaid, for the Vessel to proceed into the River or Harbour, nor before the expi-