

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Road Tax authorized by this Act, shall be deemed legal, although the aggregate amount thereof shall exceed the sum ordered to be assessed by the Justices of the Peace as before mentioned, provided the difference shall not exceed twenty per cent.

Road Tax to be legal, although in excess of amount ordered.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Highways shall be entitled to retain out of the amount ordered to be assessed under the provisions of this Act, four per cent. on the said amount, as a remuneration for their trouble in making the said assessment.

Commissioners' compensation for making assessments.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect the power and authority given by Law to the Supervisors of the Great Roads in this Province.

Powers of the Supervisors of Great Roads reserved.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for four years and no longer.

Limitation.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards, and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 11th April 1846.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards, and the better extinguishing of Fires, in the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns;

Preamble.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the Firewards and Firemen already appointed for the said Towns, and each of them, shall continue and remain in office until others shall be appointed under this Act.

Present Firewards and Firemen to continue in office until others are appointed.

II. And be it enacted, That an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to continue an Act to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled 'An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards, and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town,' to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, and their vicinities, in the County of Northumberland*, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Act 8 V. c. 14, repealed.

III. And be it enacted, That the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, is hereby authorized and empowered, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, from time to time by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint a sufficient number of prudent and discreet persons, not exceeding eight in each Town, to be Firewards in the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham respectively, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, and a certificate thereof shall be endorsed on the several warrants of appointment; for which warrants and certificates no fee shall be demanded or received from the person so appointed and sworn.

Governor, with the advice of Council, to appoint Firewards.

IV. And be it enacted, That in order that the said Firewards may be distinguished from other persons when on duty at a fire, and to enable them to communicate their directions with more facility, they shall each carry a staff seven feet in length painted red, and also a speaking trumpet painted white, with the name of the Town for which they shall be appointed painted on it in black letters.

Firewards on duty to carry a staff and trumpet;

V. And be it enacted, That whenever a fire shall break out in either of the said Towns, or in the vicinity of either, and during the continuance thereof, the said Firewards are hereby authorized and required, jointly and separately, in their respective Towns, to command assistance for extinguishing the fire and removing household stuff, furniture, books, public stores, goods and merchandise out of any houses, store houses, and other buildings actually on fire or in danger of the same, and to appoint persons to take care of the same, and also to require assistance to prevent the further spreading of the fire, and to prevent tumults and disorders; and the said Firewards respectively are hereby required upon notice of a fire breaking out in the said Town, (taking their badges and trumpets with them,) immediately to repair to the place, and vigorously to exert their authority in requiring assistance, and to use their utmost endeavours to extinguish the fire and prevent its spreading, and to preserve and secure property and effects both public and private; and due obedience is hereby required to be yielded to them and each and every of them accordingly for that service, as well by persons having

To command assistance for extinguishing fires, removing goods, and preventing tumults.