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CAP. XXXI.

3 V. c. 70.

An Act further to continue an Act, intituled An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Saint John, for the regulation of the rates of Pilotage, beyond the limits now prescribed by Charter.

Passed 30th March 1848.

Act 3 V. c. 70, continued. **B** E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the third year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Saint John, for the regulation of the rates of Pilotage, beyond the limits now prescribed by Charter, be and the same is hereby further continued and declared to be in full force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

CAP. XXXII.

An Act relating to the Public Burial Ground in the City of Saint John.

Passed 30th March 1848.

Preamble.

Interments within the Public Burial Ground in the City, prohibited.

Penalty for interring or assisting therein. • WHEREAS from the great increase in the extent and population of the • City of Saint John, it is apprehended that the interment of the dead • in the Public Burial Ground adjacent to King's Square in the said City, if con-• tinued, may be detrimental to the health of the inhabitants of the said City ;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That upon and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to inter, bury or place the corpse of any deceased person within the Public Burial Ground in the City of Saint John, as now enclosed, and bounded on the North by the rear of the Lots fronting on Union Street, on the South by Great George Street, on the East by Carmarthen Street, and on the West by Sidney Street; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the placing or exposing the corpse of any person unknown in the dead house now erected in the said Burial Ground, for the purpose of recognition before interment, for the space of one year.

II. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall after the first day of May next, inter, bury or place, or shall aid or assist in interring, burying or placing, any corpse within the said Burial Ground, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered by an action of debt in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, by and in the name of the County Treasurer of the City and County of Saint John; to be paid and applied to the Commissioners of the Alms House for the City and County of Saint John, for the use of the poor thereof; and it shall and may be lawful for any of the Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, and they are hereby required to order and direct the disinterring and removal of any corpse interred, buried or placed in the said Burial Ground contrary to the provisions of this Act, and to cause the same to be decently interred in any other Burial Ground, at the discretion of such Magistrate. III. 'And whereas under and by virtue of the Charter of the City of Saint ' John, the legal estate in the said Burial Ground became vested in the Mayor, 'Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, and the same has been since held by them as and for a Public Burial Ground, and for no other use or ' purpose: And whereas certain rights have been acquired by the representatives and relatives of deceased persons there interred, and are now existing to certain ' portions of the said Burial Ground, and to certain enclosures, erections, monu-' ments and tombstones now there standing and being ;' Be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, or any person by their direction or authority, to disturb any grave or remove any corpse in the said ground, lawfully interred, unless at the request and desire of the legal representative of the deceased person so to be removed, or to pull down, displace, or remove, or to prevent the repair or removal of any enclosure, paling, erection, monument or tombstone heretofore placed or standing in the said Burial Ground. IV. And be it enacted, That all and every grant and conveyance whatsoever heretofore made or hereafter to be made by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, of the said Burial Ground, or any part or portion thereof, is and shall be ipso facto void, and that the same and every part and portion thereof shall not be liable to be levied. upon or taken in execution for the debts of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, or any person whatever, but shall be altogether free from seizure at the suit of any person or persons whatsoever, and that the area of the same shall be and forever remain open and unoccupied, and unappropriated to any use or uses,

Justices to order the removal of the corpse so buried.

City Corporation not to disturb any grave, or remove any corpse, &c. except at the request of the representatives of the deceased.

Conveyances herebefore made of the Burial Ground declared void, and the premises freed from liability to seizure.

Area to remain open.