

*Passed 13th April, 1864.*

WHEREAS offences against the peace, as well as injuries to property, have become frequent in the Parish of Saint Stephen, it is expedient to establish an effective system of Police in the following district, to-wit:—Beginning at the dwelling house of Joel Hill, near Milltown, and extending to Porter's mill bridge, so called, and back from the River Saint Croix one mile;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Justices of the Peace for the said County may at any General Sessions, or at any Special Sessions to be for that purpose called, appoint a sufficient number of fit and able men, not exceeding twelve, to be and act as a Police Force within the before mentioned district, who shall be severally sworn in by any Magistrate of the said County, to act as Constables for preserving the peace, and preventing all felonies, and apprehending offenders against the peace; the men so sworn in shall, within the district, have all such powers, privileges, and advantages, and so be liable to all duties and responsibilities as any Constable appointed by law now has, or may hereafter have, or is or may be liable to, within his constablewick, by virtue of the common law or Act of Assembly made or to be made, and shall obey all such lawful commands as they or any of them may receive from time to time from any Justice of the Peace within said district, for conducting themselves in the execution of their office.

2. The Justices of the Peace at any General Sessions, or at any Special Sessions for that purpose called, shall have powers, by regulations to be by them made, to fix the salaries and allowances of the persons to be employed under this Act, and to define the powers and duties of the said Policemen or Constables.

3. That it shall be lawful for any Constable belonging to the said Police Force, during the time of his being on duty, to take into his custody without warrant any loose, idle or disorderly person which he shall find disturbing the public peace, or whom he shall have just cause to suspect of having committed or being about to commit any felony or misdemeanor, or breach of the peace; and all persons whom he shall find, during the months of March, April, May, June,