

the Senior Officer of Militia, and the Senior Church Warden, in Office, residing in the Country Parishes within this Province, or when there is not a Justice of the Peace residing or present within any of the said Parishes, the two Senior Officers of Militia and the Senior Church Warden, in office, or a majority of them shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to assemble and meet within their respective Parishes, at such place as may be appointed by the Senior Justice of the Peace, or in his absence, the Senior Officer of Militia, and then and there determine and fix the number of Licences for keeping Houses of Public Entertainment or for retailing Spirituous Liquors which may be necessary for their respective Parishes, for the year then next ensuing, and shall then also grant Certificates to such applicants for Licences as they or the majority of them shall deem and consider to be fit and proper persons to keep Houses of Public Entertainment or to retail Spirituous Liquors, and the said Senior Justice of the Peace, or where no Justice shall be present, the Senior Officer of Militia shall preside at such Meeting and shall, within fifteen days from the time of granting such Certificates, transmit to the Clerks of the Peace, within their respective Districts, a list of the persons to whom Certificates have been granted in their respective Parishes.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Licence shall be granted for keeping such House or other place of Public Entertainment, till the person or persons applying for the same shall have entered into Bond, before one or more Justices of the Peace, in the sum of forty pounds, current money of this Province, with two sureties in the sum of twenty pounds, of like currency, each, to do, perform and observe the conditions required by an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, chapter the eighth, which Bonds shall, within one month from the time of taking the same, be transmitted by the said Justice or Justices, to the Clerks of the Peace of their respective Districts.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all Licences to be granted by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, in the manner provided by the aforesaid Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, shall be renewed between the first and the twentieth day of May in every year, and shall be issued under the Seal at Arms of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government, and under the signature of the Secretary of the Province, or of the Person executing the office of the Secretary of the Province, for the time being, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that persons holding Licences for the purpose of keeping Houses of Public Entertainment, and retailing Spirituous Liquors, granted in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, and which Licences will expire on the fifth day of April next, may and they are hereby authorized to continue to keep such Houses of Public Entertainment, and to retail Spirituous Liquors in virtue of such Licences, until the same shall have been renewed in the manner and at the time herein provided.