

CAP LXVII.

An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting-House at Douglas to raise Money from the Pews of the said Meeting-House, for the Repairing and Ornamenting thereof.

(PASSED THE 16th DAY OF APRIL, 1834.)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Meeting-House at the mouth of the Shubenacadie in the Township of Douglas, wherein the Reverend Thomas S. Crowe at present officiates, was originally built by a number of Persons who were mutually interested therein, and were Owners of the Pews in the said Meeting-House, many of which persons are since dead, and the property in the said Pews has now become vested in the Heirs or other Representatives of such deceased original proprietors; and whereas the interest of the several Owners of the said Pews has now become so inconsiderable that great difficulties are experienced in procuring Funds to keep the said Meeting-House in repair, owing to the neglect of many of the Owners of the said Pews to pay their proportion of the necessary and unavoidable expense of Repairing and Ornamenting the said Meeting-House, in consequence of which the said Meeting-House is in great danger of going to decay:

Committee may be appointed to make assessments to defray expense of repairs

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the President, Council and Assembly, That, from time to time, and at any time after the publication of this Act, whenever it shall be necessary to procure or raise any Money for the Repairing and Ornamenting the said Meeting-House, it shall and may be lawful for the Congregation attending at such Meeting-House, at any Public Meeting of such Congregation, whereof due notice shall be given to such Congregation in said Meeting-House when therein assembled for Divine Service, on the Sunday previous to such Meeting, to nominate and appoint, by vote of the majority of the Members of the said Congregation present at such Meeting, three or more fit and proper persons to be a Committee to assess and apportion the Sum of Money necessary and required to be raised for the purposes aforesaid, on the said Pews respectively, according to the relative size and value of such Pews, at a just and equitable rate, of which assessment and apportionment due notice shall be given by publicly reading the same in the said Meeting-House, to the Congregation when assembled therein for Divine Service, on some one Sunday, after the same shall be made by the said Committee; and also, by putting up and continuing a true and correct Copy of such assessment and apportionment on the door of the said Meeting-House, for three successive weeks after the same shall be so made as aforesaid.

Persons neglecting or refusing to pay assessments

II. And be it further enacted, That if, after due notice of such assessment and apportionment shall have been so publicly given as aforesaid, some such person or persons so interested in any of the said Pews shall not come forward to pay the sum which may have been assessed by the said Committee on such Pew, within three weeks after such Notice so given as aforesaid, then, and in such case, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee, after having given due Notice on the previous Sunday publicly to the said Congregation when assembled in the said Meeting-House for Divine Worship, of the time of letting the same, to proceed to let at Public Sale or Auction, for such period of time, (not exceeding Ten Years) as may be sufficient to pay the rate or sum assessed thereon respectively, any Pew or Pews whereon the sum assessed shall remain unpaid as aforesaid.

Lessees put in possession of Pews

III. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons who shall or may become the Lessee or Lessees of the said Pew or Pews respectively, at the said Sale, shall be put in possession thereof by the said Committee, and shall be taken and held to be the sole and exclusive Owner or Owners of the said Pew or Pews, for such period of time as the same may be leased or let to the said person or persons at such sale, and such Lessee or Lessees shall be liable to pay such rent or rents as he or they shall or may have agreed to pay for the same; and if the rent or rents aforesaid or any part thereof shall be behind