

for me to enquire who, or what part of this community authorised these Esqrs. to make such a request? I am of opinion that they have impudently arrogated to themselves a power which this community never did, nor would at any time, delegate to them, and if my recollection serves me, they have had sufficient proofs. The unfortunate man's corpse is still lying in the Court-yard, (of course in a high state of decomposition); the persons who placed him there being regardless alike of the evil consequences of introducing among the persons confined in the gaol, some pestilence or disease, or of the probability of its spreading through this community, many of which have been already affected with an infectious disease, "Scarletina" of which several have died. Can it then be for a good purpose the body is allowed to remain? Certainly not, but for the mean pitiful purpose of aggravating the feelings of the people, that they may be tempted to commit a breach of the laws; such, Mr Editor, is the intention.

Now I think this community is entitled to a little more pity at the hands of those, our Esqrs. It has already been distressed by the failures of mercantile houses, failures of fisheries, and by fires. I once flattered myself that the cup of our afflictions was full, but I find I am deceived; we are now to be disgraced and insulted with a Gibbet being stuck up amongst us. Why should it be so? It was proved that no other person was concerned in the atrocious deed for which Downey suffered. Why then should any others suffer? I would therefore suggest the propriety of committing the body of this miscreant to the earth, and not insult us with this exhibition.

I am, Mr Editor, with much respect,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
TRUTH  
Harbour Grace, March 24, 1834.

A BILL

For the establishment and regulation of Hospitals in this Colony.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the St. John's Hospital should be made efficient for the reception of sick and disabled fishermen seamen servants and others and that a similar institution should be established in each of the several electoral districts of this Colony.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor Council and Assembly in Colonial Parliament assembled that from and after the passing of this Act the house building as situate at River Head in the town of St. John commonly known by the name of "the St John's hospital" and also all lands out-houses and appurtenances belonging thereunto shall be and are hereby declared to be public property for the general benefit of the district of St John's and such hospital building lands and appurtenances shall be under the direction controul and management of directors or trustees that is to say the Colonial Secretary for the time being the Speaker of the House of Assembly for the time being the Treasurer of the Colony for the time being the Chief Magistrate of St. John's for the time being the President of the Chamber of Commerce for the time being

2nd.—AND in order to conduce to and regulate the erection and building and maintenance of a public hospital in each of the electoral districts in this Colony BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that each and every public hospital which shall or may be hereafter erected and each and every building which shall or may be applied to the uses and purposes of a public hospital in each and any of such districts of this Colony shall be under the management and direction of the following trustees or directors that is to say the members of the Assembly for the district the Magistrates for the district and the President of the Chamber of Commerce if any within the district

3rd.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that it shall and may be lawful for the said directors or the majority of them of each and every of such hospitals respectively to frame and make rules and regulations for the government and management of such hospitals which rules and regulations having first received the sanction of his Excellency the Governor shall be operative and binding on all persons concerned therein

4th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that all masters mates and seamen belonging to ships or vessels which are owned or registered in the Colony shall contribute and pay towards the erection support and maintenance of the public hospitals which may be hereafter built or which are already erected and built in this Colony of Newfoundland and built in this Colony of Newfoundland per month for every month in each year such master mate or seaman shall be employed and all and every fisherman sealer shoreman and servant of every description whatsoever shall likewise pay for the aforesaid purposes in the pound on the full amount of his or their respective wages or shares all which said several sums shall be retained in the hands of the masters employers or suppliers of such seamen fishermen sealers and servants respectively and be paid over by such masters employers or suppliers to the Collector of the Greenwich Hospital dues or other proper person who shall or may be authorized by the directors or trustees of the hospital of the district in which such vessel respectively shall be owned or registered or in which such master or employer or supplier shall reside to collect and receive the same and such collector or other person as aforesaid shall collect and receive all such local hospital dues and give receipts for and keep a correct account of the same and shall pay the amount of such dues so collected into the hands of the treasurer of the Colony and on such payment being duly made such collector or other person as aforesaid shall be allowed per cent on the amount thereof for his trouble in such collection

5th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that every and any seaman fisherman servant or shoreman as aforesaid who shall refuse to allow such local hospital dues to be deducted from his wages or share shall respectively forfeit the sum of and every master employer or supplier who shall refuse or neglect or omit to stop and retain any such dues as aforesaid or duly to pay the same into the hands of the District Collector or shall in any manner neglect to comply with the provisions of this Act shall forfeit a sum

not exceeding for each offence and such respective penalties shall be sued for and recovered in a summary way on complaint of such Collector as aforesaid or any other person before two Justices of Peace in sessions and shall be paid to the Collector of the district dues for the benefit of the hospital

6th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the master of each and every ship or vessel arriving at any Port in this Colony and not being owned or registered herein shall on his arrival at such Port give security in the sum of to the Collector of his Majesty's Customs there that no seaman brought to this Colony by him and discharged therein shall become chargeable to the Colony for the period of twelve months from such discharge

7th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that all and every person and persons after the day of who may be afflicted with serious illness or who may from casualty have incurred any bodily injury shall be admitted gratis into the nearest hospital on proof of his or their inability to pay for medical assistance and sustenance (after months from the passing hereof) on his or their producing a receipt or receipts for the payment of his or their local hospital dues the previous year PROVIDED ALWAYS that in the case of every and any person claiming and obtaining admission into an hospital in a district in which he shall not have paid hospital dues then if such person shall have paid hospital dues the last preceding year or during the fishing season to any other district such district shall be at the charge and expense of per week for the care and maintenance of such person besides medical attendance

8th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that there shall be one physician and one surgeon appointed to the St. John's Hospital on the recommendation of the aforesaid directors thereof by the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being which Physician and Surgeon shall keep a register of all cases which may come under their charge and the symptoms and mode of treatment thereof and to each of the hospitals of the districts other than St John's one medical attendant shall be appointed in the same manner on the recommendation of the Directors of such district hospital respectively and shall severally keep a like record of all cases under their charge

9th.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that there shall be paid out of the respective district hospital funds or out of the Colonial fund if necessary the following sums to the medical attendants on hospitals that is to say the sum of to the Physician and to the Surgeon of the Saint John's Hospital and the sum of to the district hospital Surgeon of each of the other hospitals which may be established

POLICE BILL.

The following are the leading features of Mr. P. BROWN'S Bill for the regulation of the Police of Conception Bay. His Excellency the Governor with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by Commission under the Great Seal of Newfoundland, to appoint three Justices of Peace for the said district, who shall