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**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money, for ascertaining the best mode of improving the Navigation of certain parts of the river Saint Lawrence. (26th March, 1830.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to ascertain whether it be practicable to improve the Navigation of that part of the River Saint Lawrence, between the Cascades and Coteau du Lac, and to determine the best mode of effecting such improvement if it be practicable; May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government, may, by an instrument under his hand and seal, appoint three Commissioners for carrying this Act into effect.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall with all convenient diligence, cause the River Saint Lawrence and the banks thereof, from the Cascades to Coteau du Lac, to be examined and surveyed, and shall use their best endeavours to ascertain the most eligible mode of improving the Navigation of that part of the said River, lying between the said places, so as to enable Bateaux and Durham Boats to ascend the same, without taking out any part of their lading, or by taking out any determinate portion thereof; taking into consideration the making of a Tow Path along the banks of the said River, between the said places, and ascertaining as far as may be possible the best mode of making the same; and shall cause an estimate to be made of the probable expense to be incurred in so improving the Navigation of the said River, and in making such Tow Path as aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall collect the best information it may be in their power to obtain concerning the practicability or impracticability of navigating the said River Saint Lawrence by Steam boats from the Cascades to Prescott in Upper-Canada, the best mode of effecting such navigation, if it be practicable, and the expence which may probably be incurred if such mode be adopted.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government, may, by warrant or warrants under his hand, authorize the advance of a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General to the said Commissioners, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expences by them incurred in carrying this Act into effect.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall, within fifteen days after the opening of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, lay before the several branches thereof, a detailed account of their proceedings, under the authority of this Act, and of the manner in which the monies hereby appropriated, shall have been laid out and expended, with copies of such surveys, plans, and estimates as they shall have caused to be made for the purposes aforesaid.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appointed, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, through the Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall direct.