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1 William IV – Chapter 15

An Act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to treat with Commissioners of the part of Upper Canada, respecting the drawing of a division Line, between Lower and Upper Canada. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas no division Line between the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, from the River Saint Lawrence, to the River Ottawa, has hitherto been drawn with the assent and concurrence of the Legislatures of both Provinces, and that the uncertainty thence arising as to the Province in which certain Lands are situate, occasions much inconvenience which it is expedient to remove: 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 it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by an instrument under his hand and seal, to appoint three fit and proper persons to be Commissioners on the part of this Province, who or any two of them are authorized and empowered to meet, treat, consult and agree with such Commissioners as are or hereafter may be appointed on the part of the Province of Upper Canada or any two of them, of and concerning the drawing of a Line of Division between the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, from the River Saint Lawrence to the River Ottawa, and upon agreeing with such Commissioners concurrently with them to cause such Division Line to be drawn.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act, or a majority of them, concurrently with those who may be appointed on the part of Upper Canada, or a majority of them, to appoint such fit and proper person or persons to draw such Line as they shall see fit, and him or any of them from time to time to remove, and another or others in his or their place to appoint.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the person or persons so appointed to draw the said Division Line, shall from time to time, and whenever required so to do, report to the said Commissioners, their proceedings.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall in the first fifteen days of the next Session of the Legislature, report to the several branches thereof their proceedings, and those of the persons who shall be so employed to draw such Division Line; and may agree with the Commissioners who may be appointed on the part of the Province of Upper Canada, in such Joint Report of their proceedings as they may see fit to make to the Legislature of this Province, or to that of Upper Canada.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, by warrant under his hand., to take out of any unappropriated Monies in the hands of the Receiver General, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to be applied to defray the expences which it may be necessary to incur in and about the drawing of such Division Line, and for the due remuneration of the person or persons whom the said Commissioners may employ for the purpose.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of all Monies to be expended by virtue of this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct.