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**An Act to make further provision for the completion for the Chambly Canal, and for other purposes therein mentioned, relating to the same object. (18<sup>th</sup> March, 1834.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas the sum appropriated by the Act passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, Chapter thirty, for enlarging the dimensions of the Locks of the Chambly Canal, hath been found insufficient, and no contract hath been entered into under the authority of the said Act:—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 Commissioners appointed to carry into effect the Act of the third year of the Reign of George the fourth, Chapter forty-one, may and they are hereby empowered to contract and agree for the enlarging of the Locks of the said Canal to the dimensions fixed in the said Act passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, with the Contractors who have undertaken the making and completing of the said Canal, provided the said Locks can be so enlarged for a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds currency; and provided, also that the said Contractors furnish two or more good and sufficient sureties for the performance of the Contract to be made under the authority of this Act; but such sureties for the performance of such Contract shall not be required to justify their sufficiency on oath, any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and provided further, that the sureties furnished by the said Contractors for the performance of their original Contract for making and completing the said Canal, consent to the Contract to be made under this Act, and bind themselves as sureties for the making and completing of the said Canal with Locks of the enlarged dimensions aforesaid, jointly with the additional sureties required under this Act, and in the same manner in all respects as they were bound for the making and completing of the same under the original Contract aforesaid.

II. 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, at any time after a copy of the Contract made under the authority of this Act shall have been transmitted to him and approved by him, by Warrant under his hand, and out of any of the monies appropriated by Law, for making and completing the said Canal to advance and pay

to the said Commissioners a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds currency, to be by them employed for the purpose of enlarging the said Locks as above mentioned

III. And for the greater ease and convenience of the said Contractors in making and completing the said Canal;—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners aforesaid, if they shall deem it expedient, at any time after the passing of this Act, to advance to the said Contractors on account of the principal sum for which under the original Contract aforesaid, they agreed to complete the said Canal, a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds currency, although such sum be not then due under the conditions of such Contract, and also if the said Commissioners shall deem it expedient to extend to any time not being more than one year later than that mentioned in the said Contract, the time within which the said Contractors are now bound to complete and deliver the said Canal and the works connected therewith: Provided always that such sum shall not be so advanced nor shall such time be so extended unless the sureties for the performance of the said Contract shall consent that such advance or such extension of time (as the case may be,) shall not impair or diminish in any way their obligations and responsibility as such sureties.

IV. And whereas it is necessary to make further provision for defraying the expence of making the said Canal:—Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, by Warrant under his hand and out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General to advance and pay to the said Commissioners such sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds currency, as shall be necessary to enable to defray the expence of making and completing the said Canal and the works therewith connected; over and above the sum of fifty thousand pounds currency, appropriated for that purpose by the said Act, passed in the third year of his late Majesty's Reign, chapter forty-one, and the sums appropriated by the said Act passed in the third year of His present Majesty's Reign, chapter thirty, and by the foregoing sections of this Act. Provided always, that the whole sum advanced to the said Commissioners in any one year, shall not in any case exceed the sum of twenty thousand pounds currency.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, showing the sum advanced to the accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance (if any) remaining in his hands and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver General, and that every such account shall be supported by vouchers therein distinctly referred to by numbers corresponding to the numbering of the items in such account, and shall be made up to and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October in each year, during which such expenditure shall be made and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench or a Justice of the Peace, and shall be transmitted to the Officer whose duty it shall be to receive such account, within fifteen days next after the expiration of the same periods respectively.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated by 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, and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several Branches of the Provincial Legislature, within the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.