

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Eighth day of February, 1816, in the Fifty-sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Sixth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province. From Henry H. Cogswell, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: from the Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, to the Fifty-Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign. John Howe and Son, 1816.*

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**An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the passage across the Harbour of Halifax."**

Whereas, the provisions of the beforementioned Act, relate to steam boats only; and whereas, it is yet uncertain whether steam boats will be more useful than boats, whose machinery is moved by a different power:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall be lawful for the said steam boat company, under and subject to the same conditions, provisoes and limitations, as in the same Act are contained, with respect to the steam boat therein mentioned, to furnish, and substitute if they shall deem it expedient in the lieu, and stead of the said steam boat, any other boat of a sufficient size and capacity, constructed so as to acquire and receive its motion through the water by force of horses, or any other cattle, or of any other power whatsoever, applied to its wheels, and other machinery; and also to use and employ the last mentioned kind of boat during the whole or any part of the term of twenty-five years in the said act mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, other than the said company, to use or employ any boat of the kind and construction last mentioned, in the transportation of passengers, cattle or goods, in or upon the waters of the said harbour of Halifax, during the said term of twenty-five years, unless the said company shall within the time limited in the said act, for so doing, neglect to provide either a steam boat, or other boat of the kind above specified, or discontinue to use either the said kinds of boats during three months at any one time, for any other cause than unavoidable accidents.