

*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.*

56 George III – Chapter 28

**An Act to enable certain persons therein named, to erect a Draw-Bridge across the Liverpool River, in the Town of Liverpool.**

Whereas, the erecting a bridge over the Liverpool River, in the town of Liverpool, will be of great advantage to the public; and whereas, Joseph Freeman, Joseph Barss, Snow Parker, John Barss, Nathan Tupper, Hallet Collins, James Gorham and others, have proposed to erect at their own proper cost and charges, a good and sufficient draw bridge over the said river, and to attend and maintain the same, provided the said persons shall be allowed to take and receive such rate or toll for the passing the said bridge as shall be allowed and fixed from year to year by the court of general sessions of the peace, and the grand jury for the time being, for the county of Queen's County:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by letters patent, under the great seal of this province, to incorporate the said Joseph Freeman, Joseph Barss, Snow Parker, John Barss, Nathan Tupper, Hallet Collins, James Gorham and others, and all and every other person or persons who, in their own right, or as executors, administrators or assigns, of the original proprietors, at any time or times hereafter, shall have, and be entitled to, any part, share or interest, in the said bridge, so long as they shall respectively have any such share, part or interest, therein, to be one body, politick and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of the Liverpool Bridge Company, and, by that name, to have a succession, and to sue and be sued, and to have a common seal, with power, from time to time, to elect and choose a president, and other officers, as shall be, by the said letters patent, directed.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the proprietors of the said bridge shall be authorised to receive and take from all and every person or persons passing the said bridge (except His Majesty's troops or embodied militia, with their munitions of war and baggage, on their march) such toll or fare, from time to time, as shall be fixed and allowed by the court of general sessions of the peace and the grand jury for the county of Queen's County, annually, and no other toll or fare, there shall be so fixed and allowed as aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted, that the said bridge shall be erected over the said river, at such place, as shall be appointed by the said court of general sessions, upon the presentment of the grant jury, for the said county of Queen's County.

IV. Provided always, that the said bridge shall be a draw-bridge, of sufficient width to allow a passage for vessels and boats, up and down the said river, and that a fit and proper person shall attend, at the expence of the proprietors, to draw the same bridge, at all times when thereto required, to allow of such passage, and that no fee or reward shall be exacted or taken for drawing the said bridge for the purposes aforesaid. And provided also, that the said bridge be erected and completed, within three years from the passing of this act, and kept and maintained in good and sufficient repair, at all time and times, during the continuance of the toll.

V. And be it further enacted, that this act shall commence and be in force, for the term of fifty years, from the passing thereof, and no longer.