

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 Fifth day of February 1818, in the Fifty-Eighth 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 Eighth Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge.

Whereas, the bridge lately erected over the Cornwallis River, by Nicolas Mosher, and John Mosher, junior, under a contract entered into by them with Charles Ralmage Prescott, William Campbell, Samuel Leonard, Henry Gisner, and William Chipman, Esquires, commissioners, duly appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose, before the same was accepted of by the said commissioners, hath been materially injured, and a great part thereof removed and carried away, and the said bridge now remains impassable and useless. And whereas it is necessary that immediate measures be taken to preserve the materials of the said bridge, and to repair and rebuild the same, and no settlement having as yet been made between the said commissioners and the said contractors, concerning the said bridge:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, immediately after the publication hereof, to take possession of such parts of the said bridge as still remain, with the timber, and the other materials, which had been used in and about the erecting of the said bridge, and to remove the said timber and materials to a place of safety, to prevent the same being carried away by the ride or the water of the river, or otherwise lost to the public.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to proceed in repairing and rebuilding the said bridge, either by contract or otherwise, as they may deem proper.

III. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to take away from the said commissioners, or from the said contractors respectively, any right of action which they are now entitled to have and maintain under and by virtue of the said contract, nor to interfere, directly nor indirectly, in the decision of any action or actions commenced and prosecuted under the same.

IV. And be it further enacted, that all sums of money granted for the building of the said bridge, and remaining undrawn for in the treasury, as well as all private subscriptions towards the erecting of the same, shall be from time to time paid to the said commissioners, as they may require the same, shall be from time to time paid to the said commissioners, as they may require the same for the rebuilding of the said bridge.

V. Provided always, that in case the said commissioners shall require a larger sum than is now appropriated for the building of the said bridge, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to pledge the legislature to make a further grant to complete the same; but that purpose, shall be borne by the county of King's County, or by private subscriptions in case the sessions and grand jury of King's County shall not agree to assess the county for that purpose.