

Acts for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province, and every matter, clause and thing, in the said Acts contained, shall be continued, and the same are hereby continued in force until the twenty-fifth day of March, which will be in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and no longer.

CAP. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor.

Preamble

WHEREAS, *James Kidston, an unfortunate Debtor, is detained in the County Jail at Halifax :*

James Kidston to be discharged from confinement

*BE it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That the said James Kidston shall be forthwith discharged from his confinement in the said Jail, under a Writ of Execution issued and made returnable into His Majesty's Supreme Court at Halifax, upon a Judgment, recovered in the said Supreme Court, against the said James Kidston, at the suit of James Wilson ; and the Sheriff of the County of Halifax is hereby directed to discharge the said James Kidston forthwith from such his confinement, and this Act shall be to him a full and sufficient justification for so doing. Provided always, That the said James Wilson, his Executors and Administrators, shall at all times be entitled to recover and levy the amount of his said Judgment and interest thereon, from and against the Goods, Chattles and Estate, of the said James Kidston, in the same manner as if the said James Kidston had been discharged from his said confinement under and by virtue of the Statutes now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors. And the Judges of His Majesty's Supreme Court are hereby empowered and required to take judicial notice of this Act, and govern themselves accordingly.*

Proviso

CAP. XVIII.

An ACT to authorise the Incorporation of a Company for Working Mines of Iron, and Manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis.

Preamble

WHEREAS, *Iron Ore abounds in the County of Annapolis, and certain Persons are willing to associate themselves together, and raise a sufficient sum of Money for working the Mines of Iron there, and procuring and raising the Iron Ore therefrom, and manufacturing Iron within this Province, provided they shall be incorporated and privileged as a Joint Stock Company for the said purpose. And whereas, it is thought expedient to encourage the said undertaking :*

Proviso

*I. BE it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly. That, whenever a sufficient number of Persons shall have associated themselves together for the purposes in the Preamble of this Act mentioned, and shall have agreed to raise sufficient Money to effect the same*

same, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, at any time within five years from the passing hereof, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Province, to make, erect and incorporate, all and singular the Persons who, from time to time, shall be adventurers in, or parties to the said undertaking, or their assigns, into one Body, Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, under the title of the Annapolis Iron Mining Company, and by that name to have succession, to sue and be sued; to have a Common Seal, and to possess and enjoy such powers with respect to the choice of a President and other Officers, making Bye-Laws, and regulating the affairs of the said Company, as shall be expressed in the same Letters Patent.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Company, when so incorporated, shall, and they are hereby declared and made capable in law to, have, hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, Lands, Rents and Tenements, Monies, Goods, Chattles and Effects, to the amount of Fifty Thousand Pounds, and no more, at any one time; and also to sell, grant, demise, alien, or otherwise dispose of, such Lands, Tenements, Rents, Monies, Goods, Chattles and Effects, at their free will and pleasure.

Powers of Company

III. *And be it further enacted*, That, in such Letters Patent, the necessary Officers of such Corporation shall be named and designated, and proper Persons appointed to be such Officers for the first year; and that the said Corporation may make, establish, and put in execution, such Laws and Regulations as may be necessary for carrying into effect the said purposes of the said Association, for levying the Assessments, and for the government of the said Corporation. *Provided*, The same shall in no case be repugnant to the Laws of this Province.

Establishment of Regulations, &c.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Corporation shall be divided into such and so many shares as the said Corporation, by their Bye-laws or Ordinances shall, from time to time, appoint, and such shares shall be transferable, and be conveyed in such manner, and under such restrictions and conditions, as in such Bye-Laws shall be appointed.

Division of Joint Stock

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the Joint Stock or Property of the said Corporation shall alone be responsible for the Debts and Engagements of the said Corporation; and that no Person or Persons, who shall or may have dealings with the said Corporation, shall, on any pretence whatsoever, have recourse against the separate property of any present or future member of the said Corporation, or against their Persons, further than may be necessary to secure the faithful application of the funds of the said Corporation.

Responsibility of the Company

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That unless the said Incorporation, within the space of five years from the passing of this Act, shall have made such progress towards carrying into operation their said objects, as shall satisfy the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, that there is a reasonable prospect that such Corporation shall, within a limited period, be able to effect the same, then, and in such case, this Act, and every matter and thing therein contained, shall cease and be no longer in force.

Duration of Company

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Letters Patent shall continue and be in force for the space of ninety-nine years from the passing thereof, and no longer.

Duration of Letters Patent