

CAP. XIX.

An ACT to continue an Act, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; and also the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, to alter and continue the said Act.

Acts continued

BE it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That the Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; and also, the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, to alter and continue the said first-mentioned Act, and every matter, clause and thing, in the said Acts contained, shall be continued, and the same are hereby continued, in full 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. XX.

An ACT to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their March from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

Acts continued

BE it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That an Act, made in the forty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also, the Acts, passed in the fifty-first and fifty-third years of His late Majesty's reign, in amendment thereof, and every matter, clause and thing, in the said Acts contained, shall be continued, and the same are hereby continued, for one year, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.

CAP. XXI.

An ACT to authorise the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River.

Preamble

WHEREAS, the Bridge lately built across the Cornwallis River, between the Townships of Cornwallis and Horton, in King's County, at the Fords of the said River, a short distance above the Townplot of Cornwallis, hath been carried away and destroyed by the floods and currents of the said River: And whereas, the erection of a substantial Bridge across the said River will be of great advantage to the Inhabitants of the said Township, and it is therefore expedient to encourage, by corporate privileges, such Persons as are willing to engage in such undertaking;

I. *BE it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That, whenever a sufficient number of Persons shall have associated themselves together, for erecting and building a Bridge over Cornwallis River aforesaid, and agreed to raise sufficient Monies for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, at any time within ten years from the passing hereof, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the 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 have any share or interest in the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Association, and their and every of their Assigns respectively, into one Body, Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, under the title of the Cornwallis Bridge 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 choosing a President and other Officers, making Bye-Laws, and regulating the affairs of the said Company, as in such Letters Patent shall be expressed.*

Incorporation of
Company

II. *And be it further enacted, That the said Company, when so incorporated, shall be; and they are hereby declared and made, capable in law to have, hold, purchase, possess, enjoy and retain, lands, rents, and tenements, and monies, goods and chattels, to any amount not exceeding in the whole Ten Thousand Pounds, including the cost or value of the Bridge, and the same to sell, grant, demise, or otherwise dispose of, at their free will and pleasure; and further, to meet together when and so often as they shall see fit; and also, to make, establish and put in execution, such Bye-laws, Rules, and Regulations, as may be necessary for making and erecting the said Bridge, and all works connected therewith, maintaining and keeping up the same, for lveying assessments and for governing the Company. Provided, The same be in no case repugnant to the Laws of this Province.*

Amount of Pro-
perty to be pos-
sessed by Compa-
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III. *And be it further enacted, That in such Letters Patent shall be granted and contained all such other powers, privileges, authorities and immunities, in regard to the making, sustaining and repairing, the intended Bridge, for rendering the same beneficial and useful, and for managing and conducting the said Corporation, as are commonly granted to such Companies, and as shall appear to the Governor and His Majesty's Council proper and expedient.*

Privileges of Com-
pany

IV. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, when so incorporated, to make, erect and build, over and across the said River, and either on the scite of the Bridge which was destroyed as aforesaid, or at any other convenient place above or below the same, or opposite to or above the Town of Cornwallis aforesaid, a good and sufficient Bridge, of such size and dimensions, and of such materials, and with such and so many piers and abutments, and in such way and manner, as shall be proper, safe and convenient, for the passage of Passengers, Cattle and Carriages, of all descriptions, and at all times across and over the same; and according to such plan and method as the said Company shall think proper or expedient; and the same Bridge to alter, change, renew, amend, repair and sustain, as the said Company shall think fit.*

Authority to erect
Bridge over Corn-
wallis River

V.

Powers and privileges of Company continued for Fifty years

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Bridge, so to be erected or renewed, and all the piers, abutments, approaches, outlets, entrances and appurtenances thereof, and all lands or other property, purchased or obtained for the said Bridge, or as appurtenant thereto, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in, and declared and made the sole and exclusive property of, the said Company, for and during the term of fifty years from the date of the said Letters Patent.

Toll or Pass Money

VI. *Provided always, and be it further enacted*, That a way and passage in, upon and over, the said Bridge, and the approaches, outlets and entrances, thereof, shall be at all convenient times and seasons free and open to all His Majesty's Subjects, with their Cattle and Carriages, upon payment or tender of such reasonable Toll or Pass-money, as shall from time to time be fixed and allowed therefor by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council. *And provided always*, That His Majesty's Troops or embodied Militia, with their Munitions of War and Baggage, on their march, shall always be exempt from such Toll.

Articles to be assigned to the Company

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the piers, abutments, covering timber and materials, now remaining of the Bridge lately erected over the said River, and destroyed as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, assigned to, and vested in, the said Company, upon the issuing of the said Letters Patent, as and for their own property.

Time allowed for the erection of the Bridge

VIII. *Provided always, and be it lastly enacted*, That the said intended Bridge shall be erected, and completed, within Five Years from the date of the said Letters Patent; and be kept and maintained at all times in good and sufficient repair, during the continuance of the Toll hereby authorized to be levied.

CAP. XXII.

An ACT to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep or other Cattle, by Persons owning or having the charge of the same.

Fine imposed upon persons wantonly maiming Cattle

BE it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That if any Person or Persons owning or having the charge of any Horses, Sheep or other Cattle, shall wantonly and cruelly maim, wound, or otherwise hurt any such Horses, Sheep or other Cattle, such Person or Persons shall, upon conviction, before any one Magistrate, by any one or more witnesses, forfeit for each and every offence a sum not exceeding Three Pounds, nor less than Five Shillings, and, on non-payment thereof, be committed to the Gaol or House of Correction, for a time not exceeding twenty days, at the discretion of the Magistrate.

Fine, how disposed of

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum forfeited shall be paid, one half to the Prosecutor, and the other half for the use of the Poor of the Parish in which the offence may be committed.