

## CAP. XXXVII.

## An Act to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Drawbridge.

**W**HEREAS, *the increase of Ship-Building on the Annapolis River, above the Bridge at Bridgetown, and the exportation from thence of large quantities of Lumber and Country Produce, render it expedient that said Bridge should be made a Draw-Bridge, in order that Vessels may pass through the same.* Preamble

And Whereas, *certain Persons have subscribed and made up a Sum of Money, for the purpose aforesaid—*

**I.** *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That,* from and after the publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Annapolis Royal, in the County of Annapolis, to nominate and appoint two fit and proper Persons in said County, to be Supervisors for the purpose of altering the aforesaid Bridge, in such manner as to convert it into a Drawbridge, convenient for the passage of Vessels through the same. Appointment of Supervisors

**II.** *Provided always, and be it further enacted, That* the said Supervisors shall not be at liberty to proceed in making such alteration until a sufficient sum to complete the same shall have been placed at their disposal, and that the said Supervisors shall be responsible over, and account to, the Courts of Sessions of the Peace at Annapolis Royal aforesaid, for the due and proper completion of such alteration, and the just application of said sum for that purpose, in such manner, and within such reasonable time, as the said Court may order and direct, under such penalty, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as the said Court may adjudge in a summary manner, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, issued by said Court. Means for defraying expense to be provided  
Responsibility of Supervisors

**III.** *And be it further enacted, That* after such alteration shall have been completed, whenever it may become necessary to raise the Draw of said Bridge, for the purpose of allowing Ships, Vessels, or other bulky article, to pass through the same, it shall and may be lawful for the Master or other Person, having the charge and direction of such Ship, Vessel, or other article, to cause the Draw of the said Bridge to be raised, for the purpose aforesaid, replacing the same after the passing through of such Ship, Vessel, or other article, in such way as may be proper to allow the passing over said Bridge in the usual manner. *Provided always, That* the said Draw shall not be kept raised for the purposes aforesaid, for a longer period than fifteen minutes at any one time. Drawing the Bridge  
Draw kept raised beyond limited time

**IV.** *And be it further enacted, That* if any such Master or other Person or Persons having the charge or direction of the Ship, Vessel, or other article, passing through said Bridge, or any other person or persons under whose direction the said Draw may be raised, shall keep the same so raised, and without properly and carefully replacing it for passage over the same, for a longer period than fifteen minutes at any one time, (except it may be for the purpose of repairing the same under legal authority) every such person or persons, so offending, shall forfeit, for each and every time he or they shall so keep the said Draw raised for such longer period, a sum not exceeding forty shillings, nor less than twenty shillings, to be adjudged in a summary way by any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the name of our Sovereign Lord the King, upon the oath of one credible witness, and levied, with costs of suit, by Warrant of Distress, from off the goods and chattels of the offender, and paid over to the Surveyors of Highways at Bridgetown, to be applied to the repairs of Highways.

V.

Damages may be recovered by Justice

*V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to deprive any person or persons of the right he or they may have to recover damages for any injury sustained by the keeping up of said Draw, beyond the time herein before limited, or by its not being replaced in a careful and proper manner, or by any other thing connected therewith.*

### CAP. XXXVIII.

## An Act to secure to William Hague, and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine or Weigh-Bridge, for the purpose of Public Weighing in the Town of Halifax.

Preamble

**W**HEREAS, *William Hague proposes to import and bring into the Town of Halifax, at a large expense, a Cast Metal Patent Machine, called a Weigh-Bridge, for the purpose of weighing for the Public, at a fixed rate, in said Town, provided he can have the exclusive privilege of using such Machinery for public weighing for a certain term:—And whereas, it is desirable that such improved Machinery should be brought into use in said Town:*

Privilege granted to William Hague to import and use for ten years, a Cast Metal Patent Weighing Machine

*I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after such time as the said William Hague shall have imported, and fully prepared for use in the Town of Halifax, at some convenient place, a Cast Metal Patent Machine or Weigh-Bridge, upon improved principles, to weigh as much as Five Tons at one time, and the same shall be such as shall meet with the approbation of the Justices in Session, or a majority of them, and be so certified, the said William Hague and his Assigns, shall have, exercise and enjoy, the right and privilege of weighing for the Public in the Town of Halifax, with such Machine, for such time during the term of Ten years then next ensuing, as the said Machine shall be kept in good order and ready for public use, subject to the conditions of this Act. *Provided however, That the said Machine shall be so imported, and made ready for use in said Town, within one year next after the publication hereof, and that such right and privilege shall cease and be determined at any time when the public right of using said Machine shall be withheld, or may have been suspended for the term of six months.**

Proviso

Privilege granted exclusively to William Hague

*II. And be it further enacted, That during such part of the said term of ten years as the said right and privilege shall be held and enjoyed by the said William Hague and his Assigns, it shall not be lawful for any other person or persons, to use, in or for public weighing, in said Town, or its vicinity, any such Machine, or Weigh-Bridge, as that to be so imported and brought into use by the said William Hague; but such right and privilege of using for public weighing such Weigh-Bridge as aforesaid, shall be confined to, and enjoyed exclusively by, the said William Hague, and his Assigns, for and during such term, within the said ten years, as he and they may be entitled to such right under the provisions of this Act, and shall conform thereto.—*Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit the use of the Weighing Machines at present erected and used in said Town, or any other of a similar construction.**

Proviso

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