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An Ordinance to Authorize  
and Empower the Justices  
of the Peace in the different  
Districts of this Island in  
their Sessions to Establish  
Ferries and fix the Rates  
of Ferrage

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It is necessary for the Accommodation  
of the Inhabitants living in the South and South East  
parts of this Island; and for the Convenience of Travellers  
to and from the different sea Ports of Louisburgh, Mainadieu &  
that a Ferry as soon as possible be Established at the River Mira  
where the Road leading from Sydney to Louisburgh and Mainadieu  
Crosses said River, And as it may be found necessary  
hereafter to Establish Ferries in different parts of this  
Island.

Be it Ordained and Ordered by His Honor  
Brigadier General Nicholas Nepean President of His Majesty's  
Council, by and with the Advice and Consent of said Council  
And it is hereby Ordained and Ordered, by the Authority of the  
same. That from and Immediately after the Publication  
hereof the Justices of the Peace in their General or Quarter  
Sessions in the different Settlements within this Island  
on Application being made to them by the Major part  
of the Inhabitants of such place or places, where it may  
be deemed necessary to Establish a Ferry or Ferries at  
any place within their District, for the general benefit of  
the Inhabitants and travellers although no such Application  
shall have been made. The said Justices in their respective  
Sessions are hereby Authorized and Empowered to  
Establish a Ferry or Ferries at such place or places  
according

According to their best Skill and Judgment for the Public  
good, and to fix the different Rates of Ferrriage for Cattle, Horses,  
Cattle, Sheep, Haggis &c. and the same from time to time to  
alter and Amend as they shall see Just provided always  
that if it shall Appear to the said Justices that the Income  
arising from the Ferrriage will not be sufficient to defray  
the Expence of a Boat and Support a Ferryman. In this  
Case the said Justices are hereby Required to Cause Estimate  
to be made of the necessary Expence that will attend such  
Ferry in providing a Boat and allowing a Salary to  
a Man to attend the same, And to transmit the said Estimate  
to the Commissioners of the Public Revenue to be by them  
laid before the Lieutenant Governor, President of Council,  
the Commander in Chief for the time being for his Consideration  
and Determination. And if the Lieutenant Governor,  
President of Council, or Commander in Chief for the time being  
shall Approve and Consent to said Estimate, the Commissioners  
are hereby Authorized and Empowered to direct the said  
Justices to agree with any Person that may be able and  
willing to take Charge of any Ferry Established by them  
and to perform the Duty of a Ferryman, and to keep the  
Boat in proper Repair at his own Expence. The said  
Justices taking proper Security for the due performance  
of the same. The sum so allowed to be paid out of the  
Public Revenue, by Warrant from the Lieutenant Governor,  
President of Council, or Commander in Chief for the time  
being.

And Be it further Ordained and Ordered  
by the Authority Aforesaid. That where a Boat is  
found at the Public Expence. The Ferry Man to be  
allowed half the Established Rates for ferrriage of  
any of His Majesty's Troops or Baggage.

Approve

Approved, Ordained and Ordered in Council  
the 20th October 1809.

R. Nepean

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