

C A P. IX.

AN ACT to provide a temporary Gaol for the District of Montreal.

(14th April, 1808.)

Preamble.

Clause in Act 45-
Geo. III. Cap. 10
recited.

✓ Sheriff of Montreal empowered to remove the Prisoners confined in the present Gaol to such place as the Governor may appoint.

!Such place to be deemed the Common Gaol, until a New Common Gaol be erected, to which Gaol when finished, Prisoners shall be removed and confined.

Governor empowered to defray the expence out of any Monies raised under Act 45- Geo. III. cap. 10. in the hands

WHEREAS in and by an Act made and passed in the forty fifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the erecting of a Common Gaol, in each of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, and the means for defraying the expences thereof.*" It is amongst other things enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of the said Act, or any two of them, in each of the said Districts respectively, shall cause to be erected and finished, one strong and substantial Common Gaol, on the Lots of Ground in the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, belonging to His Majesty, and intended to be appropriated by His Majesty for that purpose. And Whereas the said new Common Gaol for the District of Montreal, is about to be erected upon the Scite of the present Gaol, for the said District of Montreal, and it is therefore necessary to provide a temporary Gaol for the said District of Montreal. Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled: "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign,*" intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province.*" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Sheriff of the said District of Montreal, to remove the Prisoners in the said present Gaol being, to such place or places, House or Houses, Building or Buildings, within the said District of Montreal, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by warrant under his Hand and Seal at Arms, shall appoint for the reception and confinement of Prisoners, until the said new Common Gaol shall be erected and finished; and that such Place or Places, House or Houses, Building or Buildings, so appointed, shall be and be deemed and held to be the Common Gaol of, and for the said District of Montreal, until the said new Common Gaol shall be erected and finished, and the Prisoners there in custody, be thereunto removed, under the directions for that purpose given, in and by the above in part recited Act.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to defray the expence to be incurred, under and by virtue of this Act, out of any Monies arising from the rates and duties imposed and payable under and by virtue of the said Act, intituled,

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of the Receiver
General.

Application of
such sum to be ac-
counted for to
His Majesty.

“ *An Act to provide for the erecting of a Common Gaol, in each of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, and the means for defraying the expences thereof,*” which shall come to the hands of the Receiver General of this Province; and the due application of such Sum or Sums of Money, as may be required for defraying such expences as aforesaid, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form, as His Majesty, his heirs or successors shall be pleased to direct.

C A P. X.

AN ACT for extending the duration of the Patent granted for erecting the Bridge over the river Saint Charles, now called, Dorchester Bridge.

(14^h April, 1808.)

Preamble.

Act or Ordinance
30 Geo. III. Cap.
3. recited.

WHEREAS His Majesty's Letters Patent were granted on the twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, by His Excellency the Right Honorable Guy Lord Dorchester, then Governor in Chief of this Province, unto Nathaniel Taylor, John Coffin, William Lindsay, David Lynd, Peter Stuart, Charles Stewart, and James Johnston, Esquires, and Ralph Gray and John Purfs, Gentlemen, their heirs and assigns, for constructing a Bridge, over the River Saint Charles, whereby they were authorized for, and during the term of fifty years, from the date of said Letters Patent, to collect, and receive certain Tolls for passing the said Bridge, and conditioned that the same, (now called Dorchester Bridge,) should be delivered up to His Majesty in good and sufficient condition, at the end of the said term, free of any cost or expence. And Whereas an Act was passed in the thirtieth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, “ *An Act or Ordinance for securing more effectually the Toll of the Bridge over the River Saint Charles, near Quebec,*” whereby the said Tolls were confirmed, and whereas the said Bridge having been erected at a heavy expence, with a very doubtful prospect of advantage to the Proprietors, and being of great public utility and convenience, as also the first Toll Bridge erected within this Province, the Proprietors thereof, merit the like favorable terms, as have been granted to any succeeding Bridge Proprietor. And Whereas a Toll Bridge has been since erected, under the authority of an Act of the Legislature, at the expence of an individual, in whom, his heirs and assigns the same is vested for ever, with a power of assumption by His Majesty, after the expiration of fifty years, upon paying to the Proprietor the full value of the same, at the time of such assumption. May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and