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**An Act for applying a further sum of one thousand Pounds, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of His Majesty's Receiver General, towards the improvement of the inland navigation of this Province, between Montreal and Lake St. Francis. (19th April, 1806.)**

Whereas it appears by the Report of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, under the Act of the Legislature passed last Session, intituled, "An Act for applying the sum of One Thousand Pounds out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of His Majesty's Receiver General, towards the improvement of the Inland Navigation of this Province," that the effect of the work already done in the removal of some of the impediments in the rapids of Saint Louis in the River Saint Lawrence near to la chine [Lachine], has surpassed their expectations; and that it would be of great benefit to complete the same; and also to remove the impediments in the navigation for batteaux [bateaux] from Montreal to Lake Saint Francis, but more especially beyond la Chine: 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 Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of 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 Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, by warrant or warrants under his hand and seal directed to his Majesty's Receiver General of the same, to issue to the above said Commissioners, or to any two of them, a further sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole one thousand Pounds, current money, out of any unappropriated monies which now are or hereafter may be in the hands of the said Receiver General, and which have been or shall be levied or collected under any Act or Acts of the Legislature thereof, and such sum or sums so issued, be applied towards the clearing and improvement of the channel of the rapids of the river Saint Lawrence between La Chine and the City of Montreal, and towards, the removal of impediments in the channel of navigation for batteaux from Montreal to Lake Saint Francis, or for improving the same by towing paths or otherwise in such manner and by such means as shall by the said Commissioners, or any two of them, be considered most proper and useful for effectuating the purposes abovesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall, at the next Session of the Legislature, say before the before the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province, a

statement of the expenditure of the money now remaining from the former grant of the Legislature, and of the abovesaid one thousand Pounds or such part thereof as shall be then expended, with such estimates and observations in respect to further improvements in the internal navigation of the River Saint Lawrence, as shall appear to them expedient and proper, either for the ascent or descent thereof.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Inspector at Chateaugay shall, at the close of the navigation of the ensuing season, transmit to the Commissioners herein before mentioned a return of the number of scows and rafts which shall have passed during the last and present years, respectively; and in such return, shall specify, as far as may be practicable to him, the quantities of flour, wheat, pease, pork, pot and pearl-ashes and other produce contained in the said scows, and the general contents of the said rafts, so as to distinguish those which conveyed oak or pine timber staves, boards, fire-wood or other articles from each other; and a copy of the said return, shall, by the said Commissioners, be laid before the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, respectively.

IV. And whereas it appears from the account of disbursements and representation of the Contractor to the Commissioners with their recommendation of him for an indemnity, that the said Contractor sustained losses by the unusually unfavourable state of the weather during his operations in the rapids of Saint Louis, and by injury to his preparatory works in the same, by the descent of rafts, Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners by and they hereby are authorised to allow unto the said Contractor, a sum not exceeding ninety six Pounds, current money, in addition to the amount they stipulated to pay to him by contract.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the said monies pursuant to the direction of this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in such manner and form as His Majesty shall direct.