

Not to be construed to interfere with the Charter of the City of St. John.

VII. *Provided always, and be it further enacted;* that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to abridge, diminish, or interfere with the powers given to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, by the Charter of the said City.

#### CAP. XIV.

An ACT further to alter and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat to be worked by steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of Saint John and Fredericton," and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage Boat erected in pursuance of the same Act.

Passed the 24th of March, 1819.

Preamble.

52. G. 3. C. 24. **W**HEREAS a Steam Boat has been erected and finished agreeably to the directions and provisions of two Acts of the General Assembly of this Province---one passed in the fifty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of St. John and Fredericton"---and the other, passed in the fifty-third Year of the same Reign, 53. G. 3. C. 4. "to alter and extend the provisions of the said Act,"---and has been used and employed for the purposes in the said Acts mentioned, for three years last past; and the same Boat is now owned by John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, Esquires. And whereas from the very small profit which the large capital vested in the said Boat has already produced, there is good cause to believe that the residue of the term

term of ten years granted by the said Acts, will be insufficient for the purpose of remunerating the said Proprietors for the heavy expense heretofore incurred, and which must be hereafter incurred, in keeping the same Boat in a proper state of repair, and in navigating the same, or in the construction of another Boat upon a similar or an improved plan: And the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, having petitioned this General Assembly that the residue of the said term of ten years may be enlarged, and the exclusive privilege in and by the same Acts granted, be further extended,

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, shall have, possess and enjoy to themselves, their executors, administrators and assigns, the sole right of carrying passengers and transporting freight of different kinds in the Steam Boat at present owned by them; or in such other Steam Boat of the same or larger dimensions, as they may find it necessary to erect in the place thereof, for the term of Ten Years, from and after the passing of this Act, and that no other person or persons whosoever other than the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, their executors, administrators and assigns, shall use or employ any Boat or Boats to be worked by Steam, upon the said River St. John, between the City of Saint John and Fredericton, for any purpose whatsoever, during such term of Ten Years.

The present Proprietors of the Steam Boat to have the sole right of carrying Passengers in that or any other Steam Boat, between St. John and Fredericton, for Ten Years.

II. *And be it further enacted,* that the said herein before recited Acts, and every clause, matter and thing, in the said Acts contained, except wherein the same are hereby altered and extended,

The former Acts to remain in force, excepting wherein hereby repealed.

extended, shall be and remain in full force in every respect; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: and that the provisions contained in the fourth section of the first herein before mentioned Acts, shall be deemed and construed to apply to any new Boat or Boats to be worked by Steam, to be constructed by the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, their executors, administrators or assigns, in the same manner as the same are applicable to the said Boat which has been built and now used as aforesaid.

### CAP. XV.

An ACT to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters.

Passed the 24th of March, 1819.

**W**HEREAS Soldiers stationed within this Province for the defence of the same, have been frequently found to desert, or absent themselves from the Head-Quarters of their respective Regiments or Detachments, without leave, to the great injury of His Majesty's service,

*I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That if any person or persons shall harbour, conceal or assist any Deserter from His Majesty's service, knowing him to be such, every such person so offending, shall for every offence, on conviction, forfeit the sum of twenty pounds.*

*II. And be it further enacted, that if any person shall buy, exchange or detain, or otherwise receive from any Soldier or Deserter, upon any account whatever, any arms, clothing, caps, or other furniture belonging to the King, or any such articles belonging to any Soldier or Deserter as are generally deemed Regimental Necessaries,*

Preamble.

Penalty for harbouring, concealing, or assisting a Deserter.

Penalty for buying, exchanging, &c. any arms, clothing, &c. belonging to a Soldier.