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Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1813. Saint John, NB: Jacob Mott, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1813.

53 George III – Chapter 4

An Act 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 relieve the persons named in the same Act from the penalty of a bond given by them to His Majesty in pursuance of the provisions of the same Act. Passed the 3rd of March, 1813.

Whereas in and by an Act of Assembly made and 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 Saint John and Fredericton, -It was enacted that John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, upon good and, sufficient security being given to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by bond from the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, in the penal sum of five hundred pounds, conditioned to be void, on the erection of a good and sufficient and convenient Boat, to be worked by Steam, and competent to the accommodation of sixty passengers, within two years from the passing of the said Act; should so soon as such Boat should be compleated and finished have, possess and enjoy to themselves, their executors, administrators and assigns the sole right of carrying passengers, and transporting freight of different kinds in a Boat so to be worked by Steam upon the River St. John, between the said City of Saint John and Fredericton for the term of ten years, and that no other person or persons whomsoever, other than the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, their executors, administrators, or assigns, should use or employ any Boat or Boats to be worked by Steam upon the said River Saint John, for any purpose whatsoever, during the said term of ten years." And whereas the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, did give bond to His Majesty in the penal sum of five hundred pounds, conditioned as in and by the said herein before recited Act was provided. And whereas a petition has been presented to the General Assembly of this Province, from the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, stating that in consequence of the late Declaration of War, by the Government of the United States of America against Great-Britain, it has become impossible for them at present to comply with the condition of their said bond, and praying the relief in the premises.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, that the said bond so given as aforesaid by the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, James C. F. Bremner, James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, shall be void on the erection of a good sufficient and convenient Boat to be worked by Steam, agreeably to the provisions of the said herein before recited Act, within two years after Peace shall be restored between His Majesty and the said United States, and that the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, James C. F. Brenmer, James Fraser

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and Lauchlan Donaldson, shall so soon as such Boat shall be completed and finished agreeably to the provisions of the said herein before recited Act, and of this Act, have possess and enjoy to themselves, their executors, administrators and assigns, the sole right of carrying passengers and transporting freight of different kinds in such Boat for the term of ten years; and that no other person or persons whosoever other than the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, James C. F. Bremner, James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, their executors, administrators and assigns, shall use or employ any Boat or Boats to be worked by Steam upon the said river Saint John, for any purpose whatsoever during such term, of ten years.

II. And be it further enacted, that the said herein before recited Act, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, except wherein the same is hereby altered and extended, shall be and remain in full force in every respect, any thing herein, contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.