

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1819. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1819.

59 George III – Chapter 14

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.

Whereas 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, “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, 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 demensions, 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.

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, 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

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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.