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8 George IV – Chapter 23

**An Act to establish and regulate Public Landing Places in Fredericton. Passed the 19th March, 1827.**

Whereas great inconvenience and delays in the lading and unlading of vessels have arisen for the want of regular and unobstructed Landing places in the Town of Fredericton,— For remedy whereof,

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That there shall be eleven Public Landing Places in the said Town of Fredericton in the County of York, for Vessels and Boats to lade and unlade their cargoes, that is to say, the first or lower, commonly called Avery's Landing, opposite to the Inn, called the Golden Ball, to measure two hundred feet in length, on the margin of the River: the second Landing to be a continuation of Sunbury-street, and to extend on the margin of the River up Stream from the lower line of the said Street two hundred feet: that the third Landing be a continuation of Church-street, to measure also two hundred feet in length on the margin of the River: the fourth landing to be a continuation of Saint John's-street to measure also two hundred feet in length on the margin of the River: the fifth Landing to be bounded by a continuation of the side lines of the Lot granted to the Justices of the Peace of the County of York for a Market: the sixth, commonly called the Steam Boat Landing, at the junction of Regent-street with the River, to measure from the lower line of the said Street, three hundred feet in length, on the margin of the said River up Stream, and at the continuation of the five following Streets, namely Carleton-street, York-street, Westmorland-street, Northumberland-street, and Smyth-street, there shall be similar Landing Places, each measuring two hundred feet on the margin of the River: which said Landing places shall be considered to extend to the top of the bank, and shall be surveyed and distinctly marked out by posts or other sufficient marks by such person as the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being shall appoint, and a return and plat thereof, and of the avenues leading thereto, made and returned into the Surveyor General's Office.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said avenues leading to the said several Landing Places shall be deemed Public Highways, and persons obstructing the same, liable to the same penalties, as for obstructing any other Highways in the said Town, and incumbrances thereon may be removed and disposed of agreeably to the provisions of the laws for regulating Highways.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Person incumbering or obstructing either of the said Landing Places, by laying on the shore, or leaving in the water, any logs, wood or timber, or any other means, so as to prevent the easy and convenient access of Vessels and Boats to the same, and discharging their cargoes; shall for every such offence incur the penalty of forty shillings, to be recovered upon conviction before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon the oath of a credible witness, or view of the Justice, and levied with full costs by warrant of distress and sale of the goods of the offender, rendering the overplus, if any, after deducting charges to the owner;

and for want of such goods the offender to be committed to Gaol by warrant from such Justice: there to remain for eight days, unless the penalty and costs and charges shall be sooner paid— which penalties when recovered shall be paid to the Commissioners of the Alms House in Fredericton for the use of the poor thereof.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the lower one hundred feet of the said Steam Boat Landing shall be reserved exclusively for the accommodation of the present or any other Steam Boats which may come to the place; and any person in any way incumbering the same, or any bridge or wharf thereon, so as to obstruct the approach of any Steam Boat to the same, or incommode such Boat in the landing of Passengers or discharging of Goods, or Freight, or Baggage, or shall remove the said bridge, shall incur the penalty of forty shillings for each and every offence, to be recovered and applied in manner as aforesaid.

V. And be it further enacted, That in order to secure the safe and convenient landing of Passengers, it shall and may be lawful for the Proprietors of any Steam Boat, at their own expense, to retain any one or more of the constables of Fredericton to attend at the bridge to watch any such Steam Boat is expected to come, to prevent persons from crowding the same upon the arrival of any such Boat—and that such Constable (having his staff of office in his hand) shall have power to prevent persons, at his pleasure, from going or remaining on any such bridge, at the time of the arrival of any such Boat: and in so doing he shall, at all times, be considered to be in the due execution of his office as Constable.