

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1847.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1847.

10 Victoria – Chapter 31

**An Act to continue and amend the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats. Passed 23rd March 1847.**

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled 'An Act to provide for greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats,' and to make further provision in lieu thereof;* also, an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats,' and to make further provisions in lieu thereof,* be and the same are hereby respectively continued and declared to be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of May next ensuing, every Steam Boat or Vessel propelled by steam, carrying passengers to or from any Port or place within this Province, shall be provided with a good, safe and convenient gangway to the wharf at which she may be lying, such gangway to be not less than two feet wide, with a good hand-rail or ridge-rope on one side thereof, suitable for the landing and embarking of Passengers to and from such Steam Boat or Vessel as aforesaid, at all times of the tide; such landing or gangway to be separate and distinct from that used for landing or loading coals or cargo; and, for the greater security of Passengers, it shall be incumbent upon the Master and Owner of such Vessel or Boat to have a good light placed at each end of such gangway, for one hour at least before leaving the wharf, and continued until her departure, and one hour after arrival at the wharf or place of landing and embarking Passengers, after dark, that is from sunset to sunrise.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of May next ensuing the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Master and Owner, or person in charge of any such Steam Boat or Vessel plying in the Waters of New Brunswick and in the Bay of Fundy, in addition to any light which may be required under and by virtue of the eighth section of the first hereinbefore recited Act, to carry at the mast head of such Steam Boat or Vessel, at night, during the time she is under way, and not lower than the top of the funnel, a good, clear and distinct Signal Light, and when within four miles of her port of destination to place or cause to be placed under the end of the bowsprit of such Vessel, a good, clear and distinct light, which light shall be so kept until alongside of the wharf.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint three Commissioners, resident within the County of Charlotte, for the Harbours and Inland Waters of the said County, in lieu of the three Commissioners mentioned in the said first recited Act, so far as the said Commissioners' powers are thereby extended to the

Harbours and Inland Waters of the said County of Charlotte, with the like powers and authorities to the said Commissioners so to be appointed, as are given to other Commissioners mentioned in the seventh section of the said first recited Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners duly appointed, as provided in and by the first recited Act hereby renewed and continued, and by this Act, to examine from time to time the several and respective Steam Boats and Vessels plying to or from the respective places for which such Commissioners are appointed, to see that the several provisions of this Act, and the Acts hereby renewed and continued, are complied with, and to make reports from time to time to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, as to the efficiency of such Steam Boats or Vessels, and their equipments or otherwise, as the case may be.