

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1849. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1849.

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An Act in addition to an Act, intituled *An Act to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association*. Passed 14th April 1849.

Whereas in and by the third section of an Act made and passed on the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association*, the Corporation by the said Act erected are authorized and empowered by themselves, their deputies, agents, officers and workmen, to make and complete a single or double line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph communication through Campbelltown [Campbellton], Dalhousie, Bathurst, Miramichi, Fredericton and Saint John, and thence to the Bend of the Petitcodiac, in this Province, and thence towards Halifax: And whereas it is deemed expedient to afford to the said Corporation the option of carrying their line or lines of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph communication from Miramichi towards Halifax, via Richibucto and Shediac;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, should they see fit, by themselves, their deputies, agents, officers and workmen, to make and complete a single or double line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph communication to meet a line or lines of Electro Telegraph to be established from Quebec to the Province Line of this Province, and to continue the same through Campbelltown, Dalhousie, Bathurst, Miramichi, Richibucto, Shediac, and thence towards Halifax, by such route as they may deem most advisable, to make such erections as may be necessary, and to purchase and aquire such machinery and contrivances, and real or moveable property as may be necessary for the making and maintaining the said Electro-Magnetic Telegraph communication, and may use, hold and possess the land over which the provisions in the said in part recited Act set forth.

II. And be it enacted, That the option hereby granted shall be in lieu of all and every pecuniary reward or bonus of any nature or kind soever granted or expected to be granted by this Province to the said Association.

III. And whereas apprehensions are entertained that in the event of the said line or lines of Electro-Magnetic communication between Quebec and Halifax being completed, the proprietors or agents thereof may refuse to transmit from time to time such information as may be forwarded from Saint John for Halifax or Quebec, or may demand or exact an additional rate therefor, over and above the usual and established rates charged by the said Association Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That should the said Association, their Managers, Agents or Clerks, or any of them, refuse at any time after the completion of the said line to transmit any information or communication from Saint John or other parts of this Province to Halifax or Quebec at the usual and established rates of the said

Association, that then and in such case all the powers, privileges and authorities given and secured by this Act, or by the Act to which this Act is an amendment, shall cease and determine and be and become utterly null and void and of none effect.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government of this Province for the time being, to have and enjoy at all seasonable times and in preference to all others whomsoever, the right and privilege of using the said line of Electric Telegraph and Branches, for the transmission of messages relating to the public service only, whether Imperial or Provincial, from or to any Station or Stations in and throughout the Province ; and that the rates of charge therefor shall not in any one case exceed the established and ordinary rates of charge made to private individuals and others for the transmission of like messages.