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**An Act for the better supervision and improvement of the Great Roads and Public Works.
Passed 3rd April 1855.**

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Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Governor in Council may establish a Board, which shall have the general supervision and control of all the Great Roads and Bridges, and all Public Works, except Bye Roads, connected with the improvement of the Province; such Board to consist of a Chief Commissioner and two other persons, being members of the Executive Council.
2. The Chief Commissioner shall annually make a Report to the Governor in Council of all the Great Roads, and any other Provincial Work upon which public money is expended, for the purpose of being laid before the Legislature, with a detailed account of the expenditure of the past year, and the amount required for the next year, specifying the objects thereof.
3. The Board may employ the necessary officers and servants, to be approved of by the Governor in Council, who shall define their duties and fix the compensation for their services.
4. The Board may require the attendance of any person as a witness, and examine him on oath touching any matter over which they have control, or relating to the expenditure of any public money thereon, and may require the production of any books, papers, or things relating thereto. If any person, on being tendered his reasonable expenses, neglect to attend the summons of the Board, or any member thereof, he shall be subject to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, with costs to be taxed by the Judge, for every neglect or disobedience of the summons, which any Justice of the Supreme Court may impose on the application of a member of the Board, and on proof before such Judge that the person had due notice in writing, and was tendered his reasonable expenses, unless he shews sufficient excuse for non-attendance to the satisfaction of the Judge. If he neglect

to pay the fine, the Judge may, by warrant under his hand directed to any Sheriff, commit him to gaol for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine be sooner paid with costs.

5. All fines collected under the authority of this Act shall be paid to and accounted for by the Chief Commissioner.
6. The Chief Commissioner may administer an oath to any person accounting to the Board or giving evidence, if the Board deem it necessary for the public interest.
7. The Chief Commissioner shall, in addition to any power conferred by this Act, have all the power and authority of a Supervisor.
8. All moneys received and expended by the Board shall be accounted for in the same manner as other public moneys.
9. The Governor in Council shall by Warrant on the Treasury in favour of the Chief Commissioner, draw any moneys requisite to pay the necessary expenses of the Board.
10. All contracts made by the Chief Commissioner shall be made in the name of Her Majesty.
11. The Governor in Council may alter the mode and time of appointment, and duration of the office and amount of the remuneration of the Supervisors, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
12. No member of the Board, except the Chief Commissioner, shall receive any salary or compensation for his services, as such.
13. The Chief Commissioner shall receive the annual salary of six hundred pounds, payable quarterly by Warrant of the Governor in Council on the Treasury.