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Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1840.

3 Victoria – Chapter 4

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to revest in the Treasury the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, granted to Her Majesty under an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, and remaining unappropriated, and to appropriate the same for the purpose of facilitating a communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and the Port of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia, and to make further provision for facilitating communication by Steam between the said Ports of Saint John's and Halifax. (Passed 29th April, 1840.)

Whereas by a Minute made by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and bearing date the Eleventh day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, communicated to the Legislature by Message from His Excellency the Governor, it appears that, as soon as the arrangements for the substitution of Steam for Sailing Vessels between England and Halifax should have been matured, the Parent Government would take into their consideration the communication between Halifax and Newfoundland: And Whereas the said arrangements have now been completed, and it is therefore expedient that effectual means should be taken to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government, in establishing a communication by Steam between Saint John's and Halifax.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, and by the authority of the same, that the Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to revest in the Treasury the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds granted to Her Majesty under an Act passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and remaining unappropriated, and to re-appropriate the same for the purpose of facilitating a communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and Port of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia," be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And he it further enacted, that in order the more effectually to facilitate the establishment of a communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and the Port of Halifax, there be placed at the disposal of the Governor, or Person administering the Government for the time being, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be drawn out of the Treasury of this Colony in Annual Instalments of One Thousand Pounds each, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to be paid, on the establishment of such communication as aforesaid, to such Person or Persons as the Governor, or Person administering the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, shall direct.