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shall be found running at large between the said first day of September and the twentieth day of December, in this present or any subsequent year, may belong. Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons finding such ram or rams at large during the aforesaid time, contrary to the provisions of this Act, to impound such ram or rams in the common pound, or confine such ram or rams in some building within the township, where such ram or rams shall be so found, and to affix notice in writing, under the signature of such person or persons to impounding or confining such ram or rams, on the outside of such pound or building, and also in some other conspicuous place in the said township, (which notice shall be dated on the day on which the same shall be so affixed) of such ram or rams having been found at large contrary to law, and being impounded or confined, either in the common pound or some other building to be described in such notice (as the case may be) and such person or persons shall immediately proceed to bring to conviction such owner or owners; and if the owner or owners of such ram or rams, shall not within seven days after such notice shall be so given, pay the said sum of twenty shillings, together with the pound-keeper's fees, and the costs and charges attending the support and feeding such ram or rams during his or their confinement, (such costs and charges to be ascertained and adjudged by the Magistrate before whom any conviction shall take place by virtue of this Act) it shall and may be lawful to and for the person or persons who shall so have impounded or confined such ram or rams, and who shall have convicted the owner or owners of such ram or rams, of having offended against this Act, to expose such ram or rams to sale, and out of the money arising from such sale, to pay such sum of twenty shillings, together with such costs and charges as aforesaid, in case the proceeds of such sales shall be found sufficient to pay the same, and if more than sufficient, to return the overplus to the owner or owners of such ram or rams, and if such proceeds shall be found insufficient for the purposes aforesaid, then, and in such case, such proceeds shall, in the first place, be applied in payment of the pound-keeper's fees and the costs and charges attending the supporting and feeding such ram or rams, and the remainder to be applied in manner following, viz. one half of such remainder to the informer, and the other half to his Majesty's Receiver General, for the public uses of this Province.

How Rams to be dealt with, if difficulty arises to whom they belong.

Disposition of money arising from sale of Rams under this Act.

No prosecution unless within days.

Forfeitures and penalties to be accounted for.

V. *And be it further Enacted*, That no prosecution shall be carried on under the authority of this Act, unless the same shall be commenced within eight days after any ram or rams shall be found running at large, contrary to the provisions herein contained, nor shall any distress be levied under the authority of this Act, in any case where any ram or rams to be impounded or confined as aforesaid, shall have been sold under the provisions herein contained, but the proceeds of such sale or sales only, shall at all times be deemed and considered as liable to satisfy the penalty and all costs by this Act intended to be imposed.

VI. *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all such parts of the forfeitures and penalties as are by this Act directed to be paid to his Majesty's Receiver General, to aid for the public uses of this Province, shall be accounted for to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, through the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, in such manner and form as his Majesty, his heirs or successors shall be graciously pleased to direct.

CHAP. V.

An ACT to promulgate the Provincial Statutes, and also to repeal so much of an Act passed in the forty-first year of the reign of his present Majesty, as relates to Printing the Journals.

[Passed 9th of March, 1804.]

BE it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intuled, "An Act to repeal

peal certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That so much of an Act passed in the forty-first year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty a certain sum of money out of the Provincial Fund, to defray the payment of the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, (including the Commissioners to Lower Canada) and to defray the contingent expences thereof, and further to appropriate the supplies and provide for the payment of the same hereafter," as relates to printing and publishing the Journals, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Former Act relative to printing Journals repealed.

II. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the sum of three hundred pounds, appropriated in the aforesaid Act for printing the Laws and Journals, shall be expended during the present year, in compiling and printing all the Acts of the several Parliaments of this Province, including those of the present Session, and the said Acts so compiled and printed, shall be received from the Printer by the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Sum to be appropriated during the present year for printing all the Acts of the Province.

III. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Clerk shall as soon as possible after receiving the said Acts, send four copies of them to each Member of the Legislative and Executive Councils; four copies to each of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, and the like number to his Majesty's Attorney General, and also twenty copies to each Member of the present House of Assembly, to be by them distributed in such manner as will best tend to promulgate a general knowledge of the laws.

Disposition of the Acts to be printed.

IV. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the said sum of three hundred pounds, shall be appropriated after the present year, the sum of eighty pounds for the annual printing of such laws as may hereafter be passed.

Sum appropriated for the annual printing of the Laws.

### CHAP. VI.

An ACT for granting to his Majesty a certain sum of Money out of the Funds applicable to the uses of this Province, to defray the expences of amending and repairing the Public Highways and Roads, laying out and opening new Roads, and building Bridges in the several Districts thereof.

[Passed 9th March, 1804.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS it would very much advance the general prosperity of this Province, if the public highways and roads already laid out in the several districts thereof were amended and repaired, and new and additional roads were laid out and opened in certain parts of the Province, to which at present there is very difficult access, and certain bridges are also become indispensibly necessary, the want of which at present much endangers the lives of the King's subjects; And whereas the rates heretofore imposed, and the duty by law required to be performed on the said public highways and roads, are altogether inadequate to the several purposes aforesaid, and the imposing additional burthens by levying district rates sufficient for the several purposes aforesaid, would in the present circumstances of the Province be found inconvenient, and the necessary provision can only be made out of the surplus of certain duties and taxes as yet unappropriated; in order therefore to defray the expences of repairing, amending, laying out and opening such highways and roads, and making such bridges as aforesaid, May it please your Majesty that it may be enacted,

Preamble