

CHAP. IV.

AN ACT to provide for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams over certain Streams in this Province.

[*Passed 25th March, 1828.*]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient and found necessary to afford facility to the Inhabitants of this Province engaged in the Lumber Trade in conveying their Rafts to market, as well as for the ascent of Fish in various Streams now obstructed by Mill Dams for the accommodation of those residing at a distance from the mouths thereof.

Owners or occupiers
of Mills to construct
Aprons to their dams.

Penalties for neglect.

Appropriation.

Be it therefore 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 entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign entitled, '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 from and after the First day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine, every owner or occupier, or owners or occupiers, of any Mill Dam which is or may be legally erected, or where Lumber is usually brought down the Stream on which such Mill Dam is erected, or where Salmon or Pickerel abound therein in this Province, who shall neglect to construct and erect a good and sufficient Apron to his or their Dam, as hereinafter set forth, shall for such offence, yearly, and every year, forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Five Pounds of current money of this Province, one moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the public uses of the said Province and the support of the Government thereof, and the other moiety of the said sum to any person who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province.

Mode of constructing
such Apron.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every such Apron shall be erected and constructed in the following manner, that is to say :—such Apron shall not be less than Eighteen Feet Wide, by an inclined plane of Twenty Four Feet Eight Inches, to a perpendicular of Six Feet, and so in proportion to the height where the width of the Stream will admit of it, and where such Stream or Dam is less than Fifteen Feet Wide, the whole Dam shall be Aproned in like manner with the same inclined plane.

CHAP.