

After 1st January, 1838. Members may receive Petitions Postage free, if under cover, open at the sides, and not weighing more than six ounces.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said First day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-eight, it shall be lawful for each and every Member of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province, to receive by the General Post any Petition addressed to either House of Parliament, free from the duty of Postage: *Provided* the same be sent without a cover, open at the sides, and shall not exceed the weight of six ounces.

To prevent frauds,

V. *And whereas* frauds may be practised in sending Covers, Letters and Packets by Post, directed to Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, at places where such Members do not usually reside, and are not then resident, and at different Houses and places in the same Post Town, and by directing Covers of Letters and Packets to Members, at their usual places of residence, containing Letters and Packets intended for others, and not intended for such Members to whom the Covers, Letters and Packets are so directed, on which Covers, Letters and Packets, so directed and enclosed, private marks may be put, whereby the persons for whom such Letters are really intended may receive such Covers, Letters and Packets, free from the duty of Postage, to the injury of the Revenue, for the remedy whereof, *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Post Master General, and all persons acting under this Act, to charge the whole of such Covers, Letters and Packets, with the full duty of Letter Postage, according to the rates established by this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: *Provided always,* that if it shall appear by the Certificate of such Member, that such Cover, Letter or Packet so charged, was actually intended for such Member, and not covering a correspondence to any other person, that then and in every such case, the Postage so charged and paid for every such Letter, Cover or Packet, shall be returned to such Member.

Postage may, in certain cases, be charged in full on letters or packets addressed to Members;

which Postage shall be remitted on a certificate from a Member that such letter or packet was actually intended for him.

CHAP. XXII.

AN ACT to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the Waters of this Province.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS many serious accidents have of late occurred on the Lakes and Inland Waters of this Province, by Vessels navigating the same running foul of each other during the Night, by means whereof many lives

have been lost, and much property damaged and destroyed: *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 passing of this Act, all Steam Boats, Schooners, Vessels and Rafts, that shall be navigated upon the Lakes and Rivers of this Province, and the British Channel of the Saint Lawrence River, between the Port of Kingston and the eastern boundary of the Province, shall have affixed, and the person and persons commanding or having charge of the same are hereby required to affix, one or more Light or Lights on the Bow or some conspicuous place of such Steam Boat, Schooner or other Vessel, during every night that such Vessel shall be navigating the said Lakes, Rivers and Channel, or either of them.

Steam-boats, &c. required to carry a Light during the night.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That for the purposes of this Act, the night shall be construed, deemed and taken to extend, from one hour after the Sun Set to one hour before Sun Rise, at all seasons of the year.

Night to be construed to extend from one hour after Sunset to one hour before Sunrise.

III. *And whereas,* many accidents and loss of lives have happened from the insecurity of Gang-boards leading from Steam Boats and other Vessels, to Wharves and other landing places, as well as from the darkness and dangerous condition of such Wharves: *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every such Steam Boat or Vessel carrying Passengers, shall be provided with a good and sufficient Gang-board, or Gang-boards, with substantial Hand-rails; and the Master thereof shall, on stopping at any Wharf or landing place, cause the same to be firmly secured to the said Vessel, and Wharf, or landing place, for the safe and convenient transit of Passengers; and shall cause to be affixed to the Gangways (in the night time) good and sufficient Lights; and the Owners or Occupiers of every such Wharf or landing place, shall also (in the night time) cause to be shown conspicuously, on such Wharf or landing place, and at every angle or turn thereof, a good and sufficient Light.

Steam-boats or Vessels carrying Passengers, to be provided with a Gang-board.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Vessels navigating as aforesaid, shall be bound to take the Starboard or Right Hand side of every Channel in proceeding up or down the said

All Vessels to take the Starboard side of any Channel.

Vessel on the Star-board tack to keep the wind.

Lakes, Rivers or Channel, or any or either of them, so as to enable all Vessels meeting each other to pass in safety: And that when any two Vessels are trying to windward, and there may be a doubt which Vessel should pass to windward, the Vessel being on the starboard tack shall keep her wind, and the Vessel on the larboard tack shall bear up or go to leeward.

No Vessel passing a-head of another, or of a Raft, to approach nearer in passing than twenty yards.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever any Steam Boat, Schooner or other Vessel, or any Raft, as aforesaid, shall be going in the same direction with another Steam Boat, Schooner or other Vessel, or with any Raft or Rafts ahead of it, it shall not be lawful to navigate the first mentioned Boat, Schooner, Vessel or Raft, so as to approach or pass the other Boat, Vessel or Raft, so being ahead, within the distance of twenty yards; and it shall not be lawful so to navigate the Boat, Schooner, Vessel or Raft, so being ahead, as unnecessarily to bring it within twenty yards of the Steam Boat, Schooner, Vessel or Raft, following it.

Vessels, &c. at anchor in the night to shew a Light.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Steam Boats, Schooners, Vessels or Rafts, which shall be at anchor in the night time, the Master or person having charge of every such Boat, Schooner, Vessel or Raft, shall cause a good and sufficient Light to be shown in some part of her Rigging, or in some other conspicuous place of the said Boat, Schooner, Vessel or Raft, lying at anchor as aforesaid.

Persons offending liable to a penalty of £5;

how recoverable.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person commanding or having charge of any Steam Boat, Schooner or other Vessel, navigating the said Lakes, Rivers or Channel, or any or either of them, offending against the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to a penalty of Five Pounds, to be recovered upon Conviction of such Offence, upon the Oath of one credible Witness, before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace; and on default of payment of such Penalty, together with the costs and charges of and incident to Conviction, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justice or Justices, to commit such person or persons to the Gaol of the County or District wherein such Conviction shall be made as aforesaid, for any period not exceeding Thirty days, as the said Justices in their discretion shall direct.

Owner of Vessels, &c. liable for damages arising from non-compliance with the provisions of this Act.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Owner and Owners of all Steam Boats, Schooners and other Vessels, the persons commanding or in charge of which shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this Act, shall be liable for all damages to be sustained by any person or persons, from any accident arising from the non-compli-

ance with, or during such time as the provisions of this Act shall not be complied with, such damages to be recoverable by trial at Law, before His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in this Province.

CHAP. XXIII.

AN ACT to establish Agricultural Societies, and to encourage Agriculture in the several Districts of this Province.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

WHEREAS it would greatly tend to the general improvement of this Province, if Agricultural Societies were re-established in every District therein, with a suitable endowment from the Public Funds: We therefore humbly beseech Your Majesty, that it may be enacted; *And 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, 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 when any Agricultural Society, for the purpose of Importing valuable Live Stock, Grain, Grass Seeds, useful Implements of Husbandry, or whatever else might conduce to the improvement of Agriculture, shall be constituted in any District in this Province, and shall make it appear by certificate, under the hand of the Treasurer of such District Society, that a sum not less than Twenty-five Pounds, has been actually subscribed and paid to the said Treasurer, by the several Agricultural Societies of said District, and paid into the hands of the said Treasurer; and the President of the said Society shall make application, enclosing the said certificate to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, for and in support of said Society; it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, to issue his Warrant to the Receiver General in favour of the Treasurer of the said Society, for double the sum that shall have been paid or subscribed in said District, as aforesaid: *Provided always*, That the annual

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When an Agricultural Society shall be formed in any District in this Province, and not less than £25 subscribed and paid;

Lieutenant Governor may issue a Warrant in favour of the Treasurer of the said Society, for double the amount so paid;

not however to exceed £200 annually.