Chap. XLV. 7th WILLIAM IV. A.D. 1837 .- First Session

Sheriff and Gaoler to eceive Prisoners.

Every lot on which there is a dwellinghouse, to be considered a Town Lot; Rated at £25 value.

Oath.

Preamble.

31st clause of 3rd Wm 1V. chap. 18, repealed.

Bridges not to be crected over Saint Lawrence Canal, in certain cases;

District of Prince Edward, in the said Town of Picton; and the Sheriff and Gaoler of the said District shall be bound, and they are hereby authorised and required to receive and safely keep, until duly discharged, all persons lawfully committed thereto by the said Corporation, or under the authority thereof.

XXX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each Lot, piece or parcel of Land, in the said Town of Picton, held by Lease or otherwise, on which a Dwelling-house or Shop has been erected, shall be taken and considered to be a Town Lot, and be rated at the valuation of twenty-five pounds.

Form of Oath:

" I. A. B. swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of a Member of the Board of Police of the Town of Picton, to the best of my skill and knowledge—So help me God."

CHAP. XLV.

AN ACT to amend the Law for the Improvement of the Navigation of the Saint Lawrence.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

W HEREAS it is expedient to repeal and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the third year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be raised by Debenture, for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint Lawrence" :--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Province," and by the authority of the same, That the thirty-fisrt clause of the said Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the said Act, shall not construct any Bridge or Bridges over the said Canal, in case the same is likely to obstruct or impede the Navigation thereof; that instead of Bridges but Scows to be prothe Commissioners shall provide Scows to keep up the communication, or erect a Floating-bridge or Bridges, where they may deem it absolutely necessary for the public convenience.

III. And whereas the construction of a Towing-path, between the Head Towing-path between of the Long Sault and Prescott, will greatly facilitate the Navigation of the head of the Long that part of the River Saint Lawrence; be it further enacted by the autho- may be constructed. rity aforesaid, that nothing in the thirteenth Clause of the said recited Act shall extend, or be constructing such Towing-path or paths as they may think necessary, from the Head of the Long Sault to Prescott aforesaid.

CHAP. XLVI.

AN ACT to Incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors and Company, of the Fort Erie Canal Company.

[Passed 4th March, 1837.]

W HEREAS Alexander Douglass, Charles Jones, Benjamin P. Hall, John Preamble. March, James Stanton, Timothy S. Hoyt, John Hardison, George Rainsford, Cyrenus Hall, William Forsyth, John Anderson, John J. Harris, Henry Teal, Isaac Thompson, William Smith, William Sutherland, John W. Lewis, and others, of the Townships of Bertie and Willoughby, in the District of Niagara, have by their Petition represented, that great inconvenience has been experienced by the Inhabitants of that section of the Province from its earliest settlement up to the present time, and more especially by those engaged in Agricultural and Commercial pursuits, by the natural impediments opposed to a free Water communication, between Lake Erie and the Niagara River, caused by the Rapids called or known as the "Fort Erie Rapids," which render Transport by that route by the Lake, not only daugerous, but laborious and expensive : And whereas, the said Petitioners have prayed that they, together with such other persons as shall become Stockholders, as hereinafter mentioned, may be Incorporated for the purpose of forming a Canal for Ship Navigation, in order to remedy the said inconvenience: And whereas, the promotion of such a work will greatly tend as well to the prosperity of the Province, as to develope the