

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1827. York: Robert Stanton, 1827.

## 8 George IV – Chapter 2

### **An Act to enable the President and Directors of the Welland Canal Company to accept an aid from His Majesty's Government, towards the completion of the said Canal, and to secure to His Majesty the free use thereof. Passed 17th Feb'y. 1827.**

Whereas His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to intimate, through His principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, that His Majesty would be willing to afford to the Welland Canal Company His Royal aid and assistance to the extent of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds Sterling, being the one-ninth part of the Sum represented to His Majesty as the estimated cost of the said Canal, upon condition of the Locks thereon being constructed of at least twenty-two feet in width; and also, upon His Majesty being secured in the use of the said Canal, for all Vessels and Boats, when engaged in conveying Government Stores, without payment of any Duty or Toll: And Whereas, His Majesty's Royal intention having been communication by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the President and Directors of the said Company, they have expressed their desire to accept His Majesty's Bounty upon the terms in which His Majesty has been pleased to signify his pleasure thereon: And Whereas, for carrying His Majesty's most gracious intentions into effect, it is necessary to secure to His Majesty the free use of the said Canal for the Public Services of His Majesty by an Act of the Legislature.

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, intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act, passed in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act formaking moreeffectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, andto makefurther provision for the Government of the said Province,'*" and by the authority of the same, That the Locks of the said Canal shall not be constructed of a less width than Twenty-two feet; and that in all time to come, all Vessels and Boats, the property of His Majesty, and all other Vessels and Boats, when engaged in carrying His Majesty's Stores, shall be at liberty to pass and repass upon and through the said Canal and Locks without the payment of any Duty or Toll. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to exempt from the ordinary charges of Toll or Duty, such Goods or Commodities, the Property of Individuals, as shall be transported in any Vessel or Boat, not being the Property of His Majesty, or the Tonnage employed in the Transport thereof.