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6 William IV – Chapter 46 (Session 2)

An Act to raise a sum of Money for the purpose of completing a Steam Dredge, for Deepening the several Harbours in this Province. Royal Assent given by Message to the Legislature, 28th November, 1836.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

Whereas the sum granted for the purchase of a Steam-Dredge by An Act of this Province, passed in the fifth year of the reign of Your Majesty, entitled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of Money, for the purchase of a Steam-Dredging Machine," was found insufficient for that purpose: And whereas, it is expedient to grant a further sum of money to pay for the same: We therefore 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 from and out of the Rates and Duties now levied and collected, or which may hereafter be raised, levied and collected, and in the hands of the Receiver General, and unappropriated, there be granted to His Majesty the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, to be expended in the payment of the sums remaining due and unpaid, for the purchase of a Steam Dredging Machine, to be used in the further prosecution of the improvements of Burlington Bay, and other Public Works.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the money hereby granted, shall be paid by the Receiver General to the Commissioners appointed under the authority of the above in part recited Act, in discharge of such Warrant or Warrants as shall be issued for that purpose by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, and 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 and Successors, shall be graciously pleased to direct.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall transmit an account of the Monies that may be expended under the authority of this Act, with the Vouchers to the Lieutenant Governor, in order that they may be laid before the Legislature, within fifteen days of the commencement of its then next ensuing Session, and that similar annual reports shall be thereafter made to the Lieutenant Governor, for the information of the Legislature.

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IV. And whereas, the Commissioners state that the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, granted last year, was not expended by them within fifteen days of the commencement of the present Session, and it was therefore impossible for them to comply with that part of the Act which required them to account for the said expenditure within that period: And whereas, it is fit and proper, that a full and satisfactory account of the said expenditure should be rendered by them: Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no part of the sum of Fourteen Hundred Pounds, granted under the authority of this Act, shall be paid, until a duplicate of the Contract for the said Dredging Machine, together with the Vouchers for the several payments made thereon, and a statement, in detail, shewing the whole expenditure of the sum granted last Session, (by the said Commissioners, Messieurs Duncombe, Thorburn and Overfield,) duly attested, under their hands, shall be transmitted to the Receiver General, and be reported duly by him and the Inspector General to the Lieutenant Governor, as being full, ample and satisfactory, which said Report, Vouchers and Documents, shall be communicated to the Legislature at its next ensuing Session.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no part of the said sum of Fourteen Hundred Pounds shall be paid to the Commissioners aforesaid, unless satisfactory proof is furnished to the Receiver and Inspector Generals, that that amount will cover the whole cost of the Dredging Machine, and all the necessary vessels connected therewith.