

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1837. York: Robert Stanton, 1837.

7 William IV – Chapter 57

An Act to provide for a Survey of the Ottawa River, and the Country bordering on it, together with the Country and Waters lying between that River and Lake Huron. Passed 4th March, 1837.

Whereas it is highly important to the Commercial interests of this Province, that the River Ottawa, and its tributary Streams, and the Country lying between the River Ottawa and Lake Huron, be Surveyed, and efficient measures taken to ascertain the practicability of making a Navigable Communication between the two Waters: And whereas, it is necessary to provide for the expense of such Survey: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province, to authorise His Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, to pay a sum not exceeding Three Thousand Pounds Currency, out of such monies as are in his hands, and unappropriated, to be applied in the employing of a Surveyor and Engineer, to ascertain the nature of the country lying between the River Ottawa and Lake Huron, and to report the practicability of establishing a communication by Water between the same.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to nominate and appoint, under his Hand and Seal, such person or persons as he shall think fit to be Commissioners, and in case any vacancy or vacancies should happen in the said Board of Commissioners, by death, resignation or removal from Office, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government, to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall be, and they are hereby authorised, to engage an Engineer and Surveyor, and pay them such salaries as they may deem just and reasonable, to carry into effect the Provisions of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so soon as the said Survey shall have been completed, the Commissioners shall, without delay, transmit a report of all proceedings had under the provisions of this Act, together with a detailed statement of the expenses attending the same, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person Administering the Government, to be laid before the Legislature, at its next Session.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the monies granted by this Act, shall be accounted for through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty shall be graciously pleased to direct.