

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

7 William IV – Chapter 58

**An Act to establish the Boundary Lines in Front of Lots on the River Thames, in the Townships of Chatham and Camden, in the Western District. Passed 4th March, 1837.**

Whereas certain Inhabitants of the Townships of Chatham and Camden, in the Western District, have by Petition, set forth, that the Lots in front of the said Townships have not been originally Surveyed and marked out by Posts, in the usual manner, in consequence of which the Posts or Boundaries on the opposite side of the River Thames, in the Townships of Harwich and Howard, have been taken and considered by the Inhabitants thereof, to be the Governing Posts or Boundaries of the Lots, in the front of the said Townships of Chatham and Camden: And whereas, in consequence thereof, the owners and occupiers of Lots in front of the said Townships, have made improvements on their respective Lots, corresponding to the Posts or Boundaries of the Lots on the opposite side of the River Thames, in the Townships of Howard and Harwich, and it is expedient to confirm and establish the same: 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 Boundaries between the Lots in the fronts of the Townships of Chatham and Camden, on the River Thames, shall be ascertained and established by, and shall correspond with the Posts or Boundaries in front of the Townships of Howard and Harwich, on the River Thames, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend the fronts of the Lots situated on the River Thames, in the Townships of Chatham and Camden, further than is expressed in the Patents issued for such Lots.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever an owner or occupier of any of the said Lots, in front of the Townships of Chatham and Camden, may have improved on any of the adjoining Lots varying from the said Lots in Harwich and Howard, then such improvements shall be valued by three disinterested persons, chosen by the parties concerned, in the following manner, that is to say: one disinterested person shall be chosen by each of the parties, and these two persons so chosen, shall choose a third disinterested person, who shall meet and decide upon the value of such improvements, and the decision of a majority of such three persons shall be final; and the value of such improvements so found, as aforesaid, shall be paid by the owner of the Lot upon which they have been made, to the person having made the same, within such time and in such manner, as the said Arbitrators shall award and direct; which said reference and award may be made a Rule of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, by either of the parties interested: Provided always, nevertheless, that no person or persons who may become entitled to claim any improved Lands, after the Lines shall have been established under this Act,

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shall be entitled to claim or enter into the possession of the same, until he, she or they, shall have paid or tendered to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, or his or their Agent, the amount which may have been awarded as the value of such improvements.