

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1840. York: Robert Stanton, 1840.

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An Act granting a further sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds for completing the Bridge over the River Thames, at Chatham, in the Western District. Passed 10th February, 1840.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

Whereas under and by virtue of an Act passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled, "*An Act granting a sum of money for the erection of a Toll Bridge over the River Thames, at Chatham, in the Western District,*" and Province of Upper Canada, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds has been raised and expended, according to the provisions of the said Act: And whereas it appears by the Report of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the said Act to superintend the erection of the said Bridge, that in consequence of a change made in the site thereof by an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a further sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds is necessary to be granted for the completion thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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, forthwith to authorise and direct Her Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the Government Bills or Debentures, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable half-yearly in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, to issue his Warrant to the said Receiver General, in favour of the said Commissioners, for the said sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, as soon as he shall deem it expedient so to do, which said sum shall be expended and applied in the completion of the said Bridge, and shall be accounted for by the said Commissioners to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds shall be raised, expended and applied, in the same manner, and shall be subject in all respects to the same enactments (so far as the same can be made applicable) as are provided in and by the said recited Act of the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, with respect to the said sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds thereby authorised to be raised.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, without the consent in writing of the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, first had and obtained for that purpose, to establish a Ferry across the said River Thames within two miles of the said Bridge, nor to use any boat, scow, or other craft for the conveyance of passengers, horses, cattle, or carriages across the said River, until the Tolls shall be taken off the said Bridge, and the same Bridge shall be thrown open to the public to pass over Toll free; and any person or persons offending against this Act, shall forfeit and pay a fine or penalty not exceeding the sum of five pounds, nor less than one pound per diem, so long as he, she or they shall continue such Ferry; such fine or penalty to be recovered before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Western District, in the same manner as fines and penalties are recoverable under and by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, made and passed in the fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to provide for the summary punishment of Petty Trespasses and other offences;" and all fines and penalties recovered under this Act, shall be applied in the same manner as fines and penalties are directed to be applied and appropriated in and by the said recited Act of the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty.