

BILL.

An Act to prevent Mill Owners and others from restraining the natural flow of streams in certain cases in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is unjust that the owner Preamble.
or occupier of a mill on any stream should so restrain the natural flow of the waters thereof, as unfairly to prevent other
5 mills lower down the same stream from being properly supplied with the water: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of Mill owners, &c. not to restrain the natural flow of the stream for more than 8 hours out of the 24.
10 this Act, it shall not be lawful for the owner or occupier of any mill, or for any person or persons in their employ or otherwise, to put on splash boards or false tops to any mill
dams now built or hereafter to be built on
15 any river or stream in Upper Canada, in such manner as to prevent the natural flow of the water, to the injury of any mill owner or occupier of any mill on the same river or stream below such dam, for a longer
20 time than eight hours out of every twenty-four, nor in any other way to obstruct, or prevent the natural flow of the water in such river or stream for a longer period in each day: Provided, that this Act shall not affect Proviso.
25 any vested right granted by any patent from the Crown for such purpose as aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, That the owner or Penalty on parties contravening this Act.
occupier of any mill, or any person or persons in their employ or otherwise, so ob-
30 structing the natural flow of water as aforesaid, may be summoned before any two Justices of the Peace for the District, residing within the Township or County in which the