

CAP. XIII.

An Act to authorise Her Majesty's Subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others, in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province.

(*Passed the 28th day of March, A. D. 1850.*)

Preamble.

WHEREAS the monopoly now enjoyed by a limited number of Persons of Privileged Seats in Her Majesty's Courts, and of the right to Plead and Reason therein, is injurious to that privileged class, by withdrawing them from the free competition of their fellow-subjects, is unjust to the Judges, who would often be instructed by men of genius and learning, reared in other pursuits, and deprives the great body of the people on the one hand of the privilege of selecting Advocates, and on the other of all inducements to study and comprehend the Laws :

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

Persons qualified to plead, &c.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, any of Her Majesty's subjects who shall have voted at any Election, or paid Poor and County Rates, may Plead and Reason in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Judicature within this Province, enjoying all rights and privileges therein, in as full and ample a manner as these are now enjoyed by Barristers, Proctors and Advocates.

CAP. XIV.

An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads.

(*Passed the 28th day of March, A. D. 1850.*)

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

Roads included under this Act.

I. The provisions of this Act shall extend to the following Roads only, viz : The Great Eastern Road from Halifax to St. Mary's ; the Eastern Shore Road from Dartmouth to Saint Mary's ; the Road from Antigonishe to Auld's at the Gut of Canso ; the Road from Guysborough to the Gut of Canso ; the Road from McMillan's, East side of the Gut of Canso, to Saint Peter's ; thence by the Bras d'Or to Sydney, and thence to the Sydney Mines, Boularderie, Baddeck, Middle River and Margaree ; thence to Broad Cove, Port Hood and McMillan's, at the Gut of Canso ; the Road from Arichat to Grandique ; the Road from Truro to Amherst, and thence to the boundary of the Province ; the Road from Truro to River Philip by Tatamagouche ; the Road from Amherst to Parrsborough ; the Road from Pictou to River Philip by Wallace ; the Road from Halifax to Windsor, thence to Kentville, Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne and Liverpool ; the Road from Liverpool to Mills Village, thence to Bridgewater and Mahone Bay, and thence to Chester and Windsor ; the Road from Chester to Halifax, by Saint Margaret's Bay, and the Main Post Road from Halifax to Pictou, thence to Antigonishe, Guysborough and Saint Mary's.

Agreement to be made between Commrs. and Pro. of Land.

II. Commissioners to expend Monies for the opening of New Roads or altering old ones, when it shall be necessary to cross private Lands for that purpose, the Proprietors whereof claim damages, shall, if deemed for the public benefit, make an Agreement in writing with the Proprietors ; the Agreement to state the length of the Road, and the amount agreed on for damages, and cost of Fences, and to have a Plan annexed of the Road and Land through which it is intended to be carried ; and the same shall