

RULES

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
RESPECTING PRIVATE BILLS.

ADOPTED on 3rd August, 1850, and substituted for the Rules (numbered 60 to 72) heretofore in force.

60. That hereafter no Petition for any Private or local Bill will be received by the House, after the first fifteen days of each Session, unless the Petitioners shall have first applied, after notice thereof, for leave to present such Petition, and obtained permission of the House to do so.

61. That hereafter this House will not receive any Private or local Bills, except within the first four weeks each Session.

62. That this House will not receive any Report of a Standing or Special Committee, upon any Private or local Bill, except within the first six weeks of each Session.

63. That the Clerk of this House shall, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the despatch of business, announce, in the Canada Gazette, and other newspapers published in this Province, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire, according to the Rules of this House; and the said Clerk shall also announce, by notice set up in the Special Committee Rooms, and in the Lobby of this House, by the first day of every Session, the days on which, according to the Rules of this House, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, Reports on those Petitions, and Reports on the Bills upon those Petitions, are to expire.

64. That all applications for Private or local Bills, whether for the erection of a Bridge the making of a Rail Road, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, or Slide, or other like work; the construction of works for supplying gas or water; or for the incorporation of any particular Profession or Trade, or of any Banking or other Commercial Company, or Cemetery Company; the incorporation of a Town or City; the levying of any local Assessment; the division of any County or Township; the regulation of a Common; the re-survey of any Township, Line, or Concession; or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act, shall require the following notice to be published, viz.:

In *Upper Canada*—A notice inserted in one newspaper published in the County, or Union of Counties, affected.

In *Lower Canada*—A notice inserted in one newspaper in the English, and one newspaper in the French language, in the District affected (if any be published therein), and also affixed at the Church door of every Parish or Township that such application may affect, or in the most public place where there is no Church.

Such notices shall be continued in each case for a

period of at least two months, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session, and the presentation of the Petition.

65. That before any Petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge is presented to this House, the person or persons purposing to petition for such Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the 64th Rule, also, at the same time, and in the same manner, give a notice in writing, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they propose to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of such draw-bridge.

66. That parties publishing notices of intended application for Private Bills under the 64th Rule, shall be required to send, addressed to "Private Bill Office, Legislative Assembly," (as soon as may be after its publication) a copy of the local newspaper containing the first insertion of any such notice (or a certificate of the insertion thereof, by the proprietor of such paper); and also, after the presentation of the Petition, a copy of the paper containing the last insertion of the said notice (or a certificate thereof), together with proof of notices having been affixed (when required) at the Church doors.

67. That every Private Bill shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed by the contractor for the Sessional Printing of the House, at the expense of the said parties, and one hundred and fifty copies thereof shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, for the use of Members, before the second reading.

68. That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced on a Petition, to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

69. That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for confirming Letters Patent, a true copy of such Letters Patent shall be attached to the Bill.

70. That the expenses and costs attending on Private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, whether for the erection of a Bridge, or the construction of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, Telegraph Line, Harbour, Canal, Lock, Slide, Dam, or other like work; or for the incorporation of Banking or Commercial Companies, Cemetery Companies, or Companies for the construction of Gas or Water Works, or for any other objects or profit; or for amending, extending, or enlarging any former Acts in such manner as to confer additional powers, ought not to fall on the public, and that for the purpose of defraying the same, the parties seeking to obtain any such Bill shall be required to pay into the hands of the Clerk of this House the sum of fifteen pounds, before, in any case, the said Bill shall be further proceeded upon after being read a second time.

71. That every Private Bill, after having been read a second time, shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, if any such shall have been appointed, or to some other Standing Committee of the same character.

72. That whenever any Petition or Bill presented to the House shall have been referred to a Committee to examine the matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, the House will not admit any Petitioners to be heard, by