

AN ACT

To incorporate certain persons therein mentioned, under the name and style of the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Rail Road Company.

WHEREAS, John Baptiste Baby, Francis Baby, John Prince, Charles Eliot, Alexander Chewett, George Jasperson, John Gouie Watson, James Dougall, John B. Laughton, Joseph Woods, John Gentle, Adam Gentle, William Elliott, Charles Baby, Thomas Paxton, Wm. R. Woods, William Gaspé Hall, Benjamin Parker Cahoon, Benjamin Doughty Townsend, Edward Ermatinger, Bela Shaw, James Givens, John Bostwick, George J. Goodhue, John Redsin Woodward and Richard Dowdle Drake, have by petition prayed to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of constructing a double or single iron or wooden rail road or way, commencing at the Niagara River in the Township of Bertie, in the District of Niagara, and extending to the River Detroit, in the Township of Sandwich, in the Western District; *And whereas*, it is expedient to incorporate the said petitioners for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned: *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 said John Baptiste Baby, Francis Baby, John Prince, Charles Eliot, Alexander Chewett, George Jasperson, John Gouie Watson, James Dougall, John B. Laughton, Joseph Woods, John Gentle, Adam Gentle, William Elliott, Charles Baby, Thomas Paxton, William R. Wood, William Gaspé Hall, Benjamin Parker Cahoon, Benjamin Doughty Townsend, Edward Ermatinger, Bela Shaw, James Givens, John Bostwick, George J. Goodhue, John Redsin Woodward, and Richard Dowdle Drake, shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners under the direction of a majority of whom subscriptions may be received to the capital stock of the Niagara and Detroit, Rivers Rail Road Company, hereby incorporated, and they may cause books to be opened at such times and places as they shall direct, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the said company, first giving reasonable notice of the time and places of taking said subscriptions.

2. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid*, that the Capital stock of the said Niagara and Detroit Rivers Rail Road Company shall be Five hundred thousand pounds in shares of six pounds five shillings each, and that as soon as four thousand shares of said stock shall be subscribed, the subscribers of said stock with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the NIAGARA AND DETROIT RIVERS RAIL ROAD COMPANY, with perpetual succession, and by that name shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, leasing, selling and conveying estates, either real personal or mixed, so far as the same may be necessary for the purposes hereinafter mentioned and no further; and in their corporate names may sue and be sued and may have a common seal, which they may alter and renew at pleasure, and shall have and enjoy and may exercise all powers, rights and privileges which appertain to corporate bodies for the purposes mentioned in this act. *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorise the said Company to carry on the business of banking.

3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said Ni-