

shall continue the property of the Proprietor of the said Lands if not required for the said Works.

Map of Line of Telegraph, &c., and Book of Reference to be filed in Prov. Secy's Office.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That for the purposes of this Act, the said Commissioners shall and may, by some sworn Surveyor, cause to be taken and made surveys of the Lands through which the said intended Telegraph is to be carried, together with a Map or Plan of the Line of such Telegraph, and of the course or direction thereof, and of the Lands through which the same is to pass, and also a Book of reference for the said Telegraph, in which shall be set forth a description of the said several Lands and the names of the owners, occupiers, and proprietors thereof, and in which shall be contained every thing necessary for the right understanding of such Map or Plan, which said Map or Plan and Book of reference, shall, on the completion of said Telegraph, be made, or caused to be made, and certified by said Commissioners, who shall deposit copies thereof in the Office of the Provincial Secretary for the Province of Nova-Scotia, and also retain one copy for the said Board of Commissioners; and all persons shall have liberty to resort to such copies so to be deposited as aforesaid, and make extracts or copies thereof as occasion shall require, paying to the said Provincial Secretary for the time being, at the rate of One Shilling for each search, and Six Pence, Current money of the Province, for every hundred words; and the said copies of the said Map or Plan and Book of reference, so certified, or a true copy thereof, certified by the said Provincial Secretary aforesaid, shall severally be, and are hereby declared to be good evidence in the Courts of Law and elsewhere.

Erection of Posts on Public Roads.

V. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That the said Commissioners shall have full power and authority to set up posts for supporting the Wires of the said Telegraph, in and upon any Public Road, Street, or Highway, and to make the necessary excavations in the same for placing such posts or poles; and such posts or poles, and all Wires and other apparatus therewith connected, shall be, and be deemed to be, to all intents and purposes, the property of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, as shall also all such posts or poles, or apparatus as shall be set up by the said Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, although the Lands on which the same are set up be not property purchased or obtained by the said Commissioners under this Act.

Sale of Lands to Commissioners.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That after any Lands or Grounds shall be set out and ascertained, and the Line of the said Telegraph designated in manner aforesaid for making and completing the said Telegraph and other Works, and other the purposes and conveniences hereinbefore mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies, Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations, aggregate or sole, Communities, Guardians, Curators, Executors, Administrators, and all other Trustees or Persons whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of those they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, femmes covert, or other persons who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in any Lands or Grounds which shall be set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, or upon or across which the said Commissioners shall have occasion to set up any posts or poles, or other apparatus, or to acquire the right of way or other easement or servitude, or right to contract for, sell, and convey unto the said Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of Her Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, all or any part of such Lands or Grounds which from time to time be set out and ascertained, as aforesaid, or the right, easement, or servitude, so required by the said Commissioners; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any Law, usage, statute, or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and all Bodies, Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or Communities, and all Persons whatsoever so contracting and conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what they, or any of them, shall respectively