

BILL.

An Act to explain the Act intituled, "*An Act to authorize Francois Verrault, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge over the River Etchemin, in the Parish of St. Henry, near the Church in the said Parish, in the County of Dorchester.*"

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the 58th year of the reign His late Majesty, George III, cap. 25, intituled, *An Act to authorize Francois Verrault, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge over the River Etchemin, in the Parish of St. Henry, near the Church in the said Parish, in the County of Dorchester;* And whereas the said Francois Verrault, and his representatives, and successors, did erect and build the said Bridge, Toll House and dependencies, in conformity with the provisions of the said Act, and have always been possessors thereof since the passing of the said Act, and have always kept the same on foot and in repair, as by the said Act required, at a great loss and expense; And whereas certain words, in the sixth Section of the said Act contained, may tend to nullify the privilege granted to the said Francois Verrault, his heirs and assigns, and to expose his representatives to loss and damage, contrary to the true intention and purport of the said Act; And whereas doubts have arisen in several of Her Majesty's courts of justice, in Lower Canada, as to the intention of the Legislature, in granting an exclusive privilege to the said Francois Verrault, his heirs and assigns, by the Act aforesaid, in consequence of the said wording of the sixth Section thereof; and it is expedient to remove the said doubts, with a view to protect the said Francois Verrault, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, in the premises; Be it therefore declared and enacted, &c.,

Preamble.
Act of L. C.
58:G. 3, c. 25,
cited.

That the true intent and meaning of the sixth Section of the said Act, and of any other provision of the said Act, was and is that the said Francois Verrault, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, should have an exclusive privilege within the limits prescribed by the said Act; and to prevent the building of any Bridge or Bridges, or works of any kind whatsoever, which might tend to lessen or deprive the said Francois Verrault, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns, of the tolls authorized to be levied by him under the same Act; Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent the public from passing any of the fords in the said River Etchemin, within the limits aforesaid, or in canoes only, without gain or hire.

Explanation of
the meaning of
certain words
contained in
the above Act.

Proviso.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act.