

CAP. XLIV.

An Act for reducing the difficulties and expences attending Suits at Law, by avoiding the necessity of pleading specially in certain Cases.

How difficulties in Law Suits are to be reduced or avoided.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That in any Action or Suit at Law, against any Commissioner, Magistrate, Sheriff, Constable, or other person or persons, whomsoever, for or on account of any Deed, Act, Proceeding or thing, by him or them done or performed, under, or in pursuance, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, or of the Parliament of the Mother Country, having force or effect within this Province, already made or to be made (and not under the common law) it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioner, Magistrate, Sheriff, Constable or other person or persons, under the plea of the general issue, or any brief plea setting forth, generally that such deed, act, proceeding or thing was done or performed, under or in pursuance, or by virtue of such Act or Acts, and concluding to the Country, to give in evidence upon the trial of any such Suit or Action, all such the said deed, act, proceeding, or thing by him or them done or performed in the same manner, as if the same had been specially and particularly pleaded and set forth, any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. XLV.

An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

Preamble

WHEREAS no fine or penalty is imposed for the breach of the regulations directed to be made, respecting the placing and keeping of bars and gates, on private and particular ways by the second Clause or Section of the Act passed in the eighth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to and in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges; and violations of such regulations, can only be punished by Indictment, the prosecution of which is attended with delay and expence, and it is expedient to provide a more summary method of enforcing the execution of the said second Section of the said Act.

Persons convicted of violating this Act, to pay a fine of from 5s to 10s.

Fine for the benefit of the Poor.

I. BE it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any person or persons shall be guilty of a breach of any of the regulations made or to be made by the said General Sessions of the Peace, under the said second Clause or Section of the said Act, and shall therefore be convicted before any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, such person or persons so convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five shillings, nor more than forty shillings for each and every such offence, to be applied for the benefit of the poor of the Township, or place wherein such offence or offences shall be committed.

CAP. XLVI.

An Act relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by An Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to facilitate the passage across the harbour of Halifax, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, was authorised by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, to incorporate certain Persons named in the Act, to be with their Associates, a body politic and corporate by the name of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, to continue for the term of twenty-five years, with certain rights and privileges in the said Act particularly set forth; *And whereas*, In pursuance thereof, Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province were issued, bearing date the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, whereby the associates for the undertaking in the said recited Act referred to, were incorporated by the name and in the manner therein mentioned, and now hold and enjoy the privi-

Original Powers and Rights of the Corporation.

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