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GEORGII. III.

CAP. X.

An Act for extending the duration of the Patent granted for erecting the Bridge over the river Saint Charles, now called Dorchester Bridge.

[14th April, 1808.]

WHEREAS His Majesty's Letters Patent were granted on the twenty-second day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, by His Excellency the Right Honorable Guy Lord Dorchester, then Governor in Chief of this Province, unto Nathaniel Taylor, John Coffin, William Lindsay, David Lynd, Peter Stuart, Charles Stewart, and James Johnston, Esquires, and Ralph Gray and John Purss, Gentlemen, their heirs and assigns, for constructing a Bridge over the River Saint Charles, whereby they were authorized for, and during the term of fifty years, from the date of said Letters Patent, to collect and receive certain Tolls for passing the said Bridge, and conditioned that the same (now called Dorchester Bridge,) should be delivered up to His Majesty in good and sufficient condition, at the end of the said term, free of any cost or expense. And Whereas an Act was passed in the thirtieth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled : *An Act or Ordinance for securing more effectually the Toll of the Bridge over the River Saint Charles, near Quebec,* whereby the said Tolls were confirmed, and whereas the said Bridge having been erected at a heavy expense, with a very doubtful prospect of advantage to the Proprietors, and being of great public utility and convenience, as also the first Toll Bridge erected within this Province, the Proprietors thereof merit the like favorable terms, as have been granted to any succeeding Bridge Proprietor. And Whereas a Toll Bridge has been since erected, under the authority of an Act of the Legislature, at the expense of an individual, in whom, his heirs and assigns, the same is vested for ever, with a power of assumption by His Majesty, after the expiration of fifty years, upon paying to the Proprietor the full value of the same, at the time of such assumption. May it therefore

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Act or Ordinance 30 Geo. III. Cap. 3. recited.