

throughout this Act shall be understood to include the land and all that is upon or below the surface thereof, and all the real rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging) for them and their successors or assigns, for the use of said Canal and works; without Her Majesty's *lettres d'amortissement*, (saving, nevertheless, to the seignior or seigniors within whose *censive* the lands, tenements and hereditaments so purchased may be situate, his and their several and respective *droits d'indemnité*, and all other seigniorial rights whatever,) and also to alienate and convey any of the said lands purchased for the purposes aforesaid; and any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate or communities may give, grant, bargain, sell or convey to the said Company any lands for the purposes aforesaid, and the same may re-purchase of the said Company without *lettres d'amortissement*; and the said Company shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered from and after the passing of this Act, by themselves, their deputies, agents, officers, workmen and servants, to make and complete a Canal to be called the *St. Lawrence and Champlain Canal*, from a point on the River St. Lawrence between any part of Lake St. Louis and the Village of Longueuil, and such point on the River Richelieu or on Lake Champlain as may be found most desirable and convenient for the general interests of trade and of the public.

Limits within which the canal shall be made.

Plan of the canal, &c., to be approved by Commissioners of Public Works.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That before the said Company shall break ground, or commence the construction of the said Canal, the plan, location, dimensions and all necessary particulars of the said Canal, and the Locks, Bridges, and other works therewith connected, and the points at which it is to leave the River St. Lawrence, and to enter the Richelieu River or Lake Champlain, shall have been submitted to and received the sanction of the Commissioners of Public Works; and that the said Canal and the Locks and works thereon shall not be of a less size, depth or capacity than the Beauharnois Canal on the River St. Lawrence.

Power to the Company to set out and survey lands necessary for their works, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That for the purposes of this Act, the said Company, their deputies, servants, agents and workmen, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon any lands and grounds of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, not hereinafter excepted, or of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate or collegiate, or communities or parties whatsoever, and to survey and take levels of the same, or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they shall think necessary and proper for making the said intended Canal and other works hereby authorized, and all such works, matters and conveniencies as they shall think proper and necessary for making, effecting, preserving, improving, completing, maintaining and using the said in-