

term of ten years granted by the said Acts, will be insufficient for the purpose of remunerating the said Proprietors for the heavy expense heretofore incurred, and which must be hereafter incurred, in keeping the same Boat in a proper state of repair, and in navigating the same, or in the construction of another Boat upon a similar or an improved plan: And the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, having petitioned this General Assembly that the residue of the said term of ten years may be enlarged, and the exclusive privilege in and by the same Acts granted, be further extended,

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, shall have, possess and enjoy to themselves, their executors, administrators and assigns, the sole right of carrying passengers and transporting freight of different kinds in the Steam Boat at present owned by them; or in such other Steam Boat of the same or larger dimensions, as they may find it necessary to erect in the place thereof, for the term of Ten Years, from and after the passing of this Act, and that no other person or persons whosoever other than the said John Ward, Robert Smith, Hugh Johnston, and Peter Fraser, their executors, administrators and assigns, shall use or employ any Boat or Boats to be worked by Steam, upon the said River St. John, between the City of Saint John and Fredericton, for any purpose whatsoever, during such term of Ten Years.

The present Proprietors of the Steam Boat to have the sole right of carrying Passengers in that or any other Steam Boat, between St. John and Fredericton, for Ten Years.

II. *And be it further enacted,* that the said herein before recited Acts, and every clause, matter and thing, in the said Acts contained, except wherein the same are hereby altered and extended,

The former Acts to remain in force, excepting wherein hereby repealed.