

for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges, and other Public Works and Services :

A sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy eight thousand four hundred dollars to provide for the repairs of the Great and Bye Roads of the Province, and for Bridges thereon, for the repairs and extension of the Public Buildings, and the improvement of the Navigation of the River Saint John and its tributaries, including expense of Dredge, the Navigation of the Miramichi River, and Steam Communication.

2. The said sum of money, and every part thereof, shall be expended under the direction of the Board of Works, and of such Supervisors and Commissioners as the Governor in Council may appoint, and shall be paid to the several and respective persons who shall actually work and labour in making, completing, and repairing the several Roads, Bridges, and Works, or in furnishing materials therefor, at the most reasonable rate that such labour and materials can be provided, where such sums are expended on Roads, Bridges, or Works ; and every Commissioner so to be appointed shall, as early in the season as may be, carefully examine the part of the Road where any sums of money are to be expended, and shall lay out and mark off such allotment or allotments as may conveniently be contracted for, in order that the making and repairing of the same may be let by auction to the lowest bidder ; and in all such cases such Commissioners respectively are hereby required to put a sufficient number of notices, not less than ten days previous to such sale, in three or more of the public places in the neighbourhood where the work is to be done ; which notices shall specify and describe the work to be performed, and also the place, day, and hour when and where the same will be let by auction as aforesaid ; and it shall further be the duty of such Commissioners respectively, to attend personally at the time and place so appointed, and there to let out to the lowest bidder such allotment or allotments, and at the same time to enter into written contracts for the faithful performance of the work in the time and manner set forth in such contracts : and in cases where the work required to be performed cannot be conveniently let at auction, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to agree with fit and proper persons to perform the same by days' labour, provided that in