

ter, would materially augment the convenience and facility of the intercourse of the Inhabitants of the adjacent parishes and concessions, and of the public at large: And wher-as *François Verrault*, of the parish of Sainte Marie Nouvelle Beauce, in the said County, by his petition in that behalf, hath prayed leave to erect a toll-bridge over the said river Etchemins; may it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of An Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *"An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America,"* and to make further provision for the government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful to and for the said *François Verrault*, and he is hereby authorized and empowered at his own costs and charges to erect and build a good and substantial Bridge over the said river of Etchemins, near the Church of the said Parish; and to erect and build one Toll-House and Turnpike, with other dependencies, on or near the said Bridge; and also to do, perform, and execute all other matters and things requisite and necessary, useful or convenient for erecting and building, maintaining, and supporting the said intended bridge, toll-house, turnpike, and other dependencies, according to the tenor and true meaning of this Act, and further that for the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining and supporting the said bridge, the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, shall have full power and authority to take, from time to time, and use the land on either side of the said river Etchemins, and there to work up or cause to be worked up the materials and other things necessary for erecting, constructing or repairing the said Bridge accordingly: the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, and the persons by him or them employed, doing as little damage as may be, and making reasonable and just satisfaction to the respective owners and occupiers of all such lands and grounds, as shall be altered, damaged or made use of, for the value of such land as well as for that of the alteration or of the damages which they may cause to the proprietors, by means of or for the purpose of erecting the said bridge, and the said house as above designated; and in case of difference of opinion and dispute about the quantum of such satisfaction, the same shall be settled by His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, of and for the District of Quebec, after a previous visitation, examination and estimation of the premises shall have been made, by *Experts*, to be named by the parties, respectively: and in default of such nomination, by them or either of them, then by the said Court, in manner and form prescribed by Law; and the said Court is hereby authorized and empowered to hear, settle and finally determine the amount of such compensation, in consequence. Provided always, that the said *François Verrault*, his heirs and successors, shall not commence the erection of the said bridge and other works by which any person may be deprived of his land or of part thereof, or may suffer damage before the price or value of the said land and

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