

C A P. IX.

An ORDINANCE;

Repealed in part
by ordinance 29.
Geo. III. c. 7.

To alter the present method of drawing Sleds and Carioles, in order to remedy the inconveniencies arising from Cahots or Banks of Snow formed on the Winter-roads, and to amend the same.

WHEREAS his Majesty's subjects have long experienced the difficulty of winter communication, and the labour and attention required of the inhabitants to keep up and repair the winter roads; and whereas the present method of affixing the winter carriages, known by the names of trains, sleds and carioles, to their shafts and runners, is the cause of the bad roads made by them during the winter-season; the cross-bar of the shaft fixed by its chain under the front part of the train, sled and cariole, collecting the new fallen snow as it is drawn along the road, and thereby forming at short distances, the hillocks or banks of snow called cahots, the hollows between which are sometimes upwards of two feet in depth; to the great inconveniency of the Public; and whereas a method is invented and used of affixing the shaft to the runner of the train, sled and cariole, which, if universally adopted, will remedy the evil complained of at a very small expence, save much labour to the inhabitants, and facilitate travelling and carriage of every denomination, according to actual experience (in that department of the King's service under Isaac Winflow Clarke, Esq;) in the transportation of stores, in very heavy loaded trains from Montreal to Lachine;

Be it therefore enacted by his Excellency the Governor and Legislative Council, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, that no winter-carriage shall be used after the tenth day of November next; not affixed to its shafts according to one of the models to be seen with the clerks of the markets of Quebec and Montreal, or one of the captains of militia of the town of Three-Rivers and parishes of Vaudreuil, Soulange, l'Isle Perrault, La Prairie, Chambly, St. Jean, St. Denis, Boucherville, Vercheres, Sorel, Berthier, La Valtrie, l'Assomption, Terrebonne, La Riviere du Chene, l'Isle Jesus, Masquinongé, Machiche, Maska, La Baye du Fevre, Becancour, Gentilly, Camplain, Ste. Anne, Point aux Trembles de Quebec, Cap Santé, Deschambault, Lotbiniere, St. Antoine, St. Nicolas, St. Henri, Point Levi, Ste. Marie en Nouvelle Beauce, Beaumont, St. Valier, Berthier, St. Pierre, Riviere du Sud, Cape St. Ignace, St. Anne du Sud, Riviere Ouelle, Kamouraska, Riviere du Loup, Malbaye, Baye St. Paul, St. Joachim, Chateau Riché, St. Pierre en l'Isle d'Orleans and St. Jean, under the penalty of five shillings on the person or persons using the same, and the seizure and forfeiture thereof; provided always, and it is hereby enacted and understood by this ordinance, that no person shall be prevented from using sleds, carioles, or any other winter-carriages which are drawn by a pole with two horses or two bullocks *abreast*, or *drawn* by any other method whereby the bar of the shaft does not raise the snow, so as to form cahots as mentioned in the preamble of this ordinance.

II. And be it further enacted by the said authority, that after the first day of November next, the runners of every new train, sled or cariole, shall be at least nine inches high, and at least two inches broad, and six feet long at least, and shall be rounded off at the end to which the chains of the shafts are fastened, under the penalty of twenty shillings on the maker and ten shillings on the owner and the seizure and forfeiture of every train, sled or cariole, not constructed according to this Act.