

said money shall be paid as vouchers for such payments, and shall render an account thereof upon Oath (which Oath any Justice of the Peace in the several and respective Counties is hereby authorised to administer) to be transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Province for the Inspection and examination of the General Assembly at their next Session; and such Commissioners or persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several and respective sums of money, shall stand charged and chargeable with all sums of money entrusted to them, and not accounted for as aforesaid, and shall repay the same into the Province Treasury.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commissioners or persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several and respective sums of money shall for their time and trouble respecting the same (in case they shall find it necessary and expedient) render an account thereof at the next Session of the General Assembly, to be then provided for in case the same shall appear just and equitable: Provided always that such of the said persons who shall actually work and labour upon the said Roads and Bridges as aforesaid, shall retain out of the said sums so entrusted to them respectively, a reasonable compensation for such actual work and labour.

Commissioners to render an account for their time and trouble to the General Assembly.  
May retain a reasonable compensation for labour actually done.

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#### CAP. XXIV.

An ACT to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat to be worked by Steam for facilitating the communication between the City of Saint John and Fredericton. Passed the 7th March, 1812.

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to the General Assembly of this Province from John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson; praying for an exclusive privilege for the term of ten years, to be granted to them by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province as an encouragement to the erection of a Passage Boat to be worked by steam, for the accommodation and conveyance of passengers between the City of Saint John and Fredericton. And whereas a convenient Passage Boat for the accommodation and conveyance of Passengers between the City of Saint John and Fredericton is much wanted, and if worked by Steam will add greatly to the facility of communication.

Preamble.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly*, That the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, upon good and sufficient security being given to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by Bond from the said John Ward, Robert Smith, George D. Berton, and James C. F. Bremner, Esquires, and James Fraser and Lauchlan Donaldson, in the penal sum of five hundred

The exclusive Privilege of using a Steam Boat granted for ten years upon Bond being given to complete such Boat within two years.