

shillings, current money of this Province. Provided, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to prevent the public from passing any of the Fords in the said river, within the limits aforesaid, or to cross over in canoes or boats, without gain or hire.

Public may pass the Fords within the limits, and cross the same in canoes without gain or hire.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Proprietors of Dorchester Bridge aforesaid, or such of them as hold a majority of shares therein, to entitle themselves to the benefit of this Act, shall cause the said Draw-Bridge which they are hereby authorized and empowered to build and erect, to be built, erected and complete for the passage of Travellers, Cattle and Carriages, over the said River Saint Charles, within Thirty Months from and after the passing of this Act, which, if the said Draw-Bridge be not built, erected and complete within the period hereinbefore fixed, shall, at the expiration of the said period, be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Proprietors to build the Bridge within a certain time.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to weaken, diminish or extinguish the rights and privileges of His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, nor of any person or persons, body politic or corporate in any of the things herein mentioned, except as to the powers and authority hereby given to the Proprietors of the said Draw-Bridge so as aforesaid intended to be built, and except as to the rights which are hereby altered or extinguished, but that His Majesty the King, his heirs and successors, and all and every person or persons, body politic or corporate, their heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, shall have and exercise the same rights, with the exceptions aforesaid, as they and each of them had before the passing of this Act, to every effect and purpose whatsoever, and in as ample manner as if this Act had never been passed.

Saving of the King's Rights.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the penalties hereby imposed, shall, upon proof of the offences respectively before any one or more of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Quebec, either by confession of the offender or by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, which oath such Justice of the Peace is hereby empowered and required to administer, be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender by warrant signed by such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and the surplus after such penalties and the charges of such distress and sale are deducted, shall be returned upon demand to the owner of such goods and chattels, and one half of which penalties respectively, when levied and paid, shall belong to His Majesty, and the other half to the person suing for the same.

Penalties how recoverable.