

Bill for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from, at, or near the Town of *St. John*, upon the *River Sorel* or *Richelieu*, through the *Barony of Longueil* and the Scigneuries of *Blairfindie* and *Laprairie*, to terminate in the Parish of *Laprairie* upon the *River St. Lawrence*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a Canal from the River Richelieu, at or near the Town of Saint John, to the River St. Lawrence, at or near Laprairie, would be of great public advantage, will afford a more easy, cheap, and advantageous conveyance for all goods, wares, and commodities whatsoever, and generally increase the trade and commerce of this Province, and in other respects be of great public utility: And whereas the persons herein-after named, are desirous at their own costs and charges, to make and maintain the said intended Canal, but cannot effect the same without the aid and authority of the Provincial Parliament: Wherefore, for obtaining and perfecting the good purposes aforesaid, may it 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 and may be lawful for *Horatio Gates, Charles L. Ogden, John Jones, Danl. Eager, George Davies, Robert Jones, Jason C. Pierce*, to cause books of subscription to be opened for shares in the said undertaking of making and completing a Canal from the Town of Saint John to the River St. Lawrence as aforesaid, and for this purpose they shall be held and bound to give six weeks public notice in the newspapers of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, of the time when such books will be open and ready for the receiving:

Authorized by this Act to cause books of subscription to be opened for shares in the undertaking of making and completing a Canal from the Town of Saint John to the River St. Lawrence, and to give notice of the times and places of receiving the signatures of subscribers for shares in the undertaking.