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An Act to Incorporate *The Fort Erie and Buffalo Suspension Bridge Company.*

WHEREAS Alexander Douglas, J. P., and Town Reeve of Bertie, James Kerby, J. P., James Stanton, J. P., William Rainsford and others, have by a Petition set forth the facility and convenience which the construction of a Suspension Bridge over the Niagara River, at or near Waterloo Ferry, in the Township of Bertie, would offer to the public, and have prayed that they and such others as may be associated with them for the purposes hereinafter mentioned may be incorporated, and certain powers granted them to enable them to construct such a Bridge : Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That the said Alexander Douglas, J. P., James Kerby, J. P., James Stanton, J. P., William Rainsford, and all persons who shall become shareholders in the undertaking hereinafter mentioned, pursuant to this Act. shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by and under the name, style, and title of *The Fort Erie and Buffalo Suspension Bridge Company*, with power to unite with any other persons, company or body politic, to construct a Suspension Bridge across the Niagara River, at or near Waterloo Ferry aforesaid, with the necessary approaches thereto with rail, macadamized, or other roads; and to connect the same with any road now or hereafter to be made at any point within half a mile of the said Waterloo Ferry, and the said Corporation by the name aforesaid, shall and may they and their successors have perpetual succession, and be capable of contracting and being contracted with, suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and concerns whatsoever; and they and their successors may and shall have a common Seal, and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure: and also that they and their successors, under the same name of the Fort Erie and Buffalo Suspension Bridge Company shall be by law, capable of purchasing, having, and holding any real or personal estate for the use of the said Company, and of departing therewith for the benefit of the said Company: Provided always, nevertheless, that the value of the real estate so holden by the said Company, at any time exclusive of the said Bridge, shall not exceed the sum of *one thousand pounds.*

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Proviso: real property limited.