

BY AUTHORITY.
Acts passed at the last Session of the
General Assembly.

CAP. XXIII.

An ACT to provide for opening and improving Roads, and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.— Passed the 7th of March, 1812.

I. BE it enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Province, to such person or persons as His Honor the President, or Commander in Chief, for the time being shall appoint, the following sums for the purposes hereafter mentioned, that is to say,

The sum of five hundred pounds to be laid out in making and improving the Military Road from Little River, the lower boundary of Queen's County, to the Bellisle, and from thence to Guthrie's on the Kennebeck River.

The sum of three hundred pounds to build a bridge across Salmon River below Mr. Samuel Hallet's.

The sum of four hundred pounds to be laid out on the Road from Rouse's Lake, so called to Hammond River near Golding's.

The sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to be laid out on the Road from the Jemseg, to the head of the Bellisle.

The sum of forty pounds to be laid out on the Road from New Canaan, to the Mill Stream.

The sum of thirty pounds to be laid out on the Road to be established from Bates's Mill pond across the Lake to the Kennebeck River.

The sum of twenty five pounds for improving the Road from Handford Bostwick's on the Long Reach, to Kingston Court House.

The sum of one hundred pounds to build Bridges, and make Causeways on the Devil's Creek, and Foster's Creek.

The sum of one hundred pounds towards repairing the Roads and Bridges between the settlements on the River Nashack, and Betts's on the southwest branch of the River Miramichi.

The sum of fifty pounds to be laid out in repairing and improving the Road on the north side of the said southwest branch from Lewis Mitchel's to John Astle's, near the forks, or Etienne's River.

The sum of one hundred pounds towards opening a Road, and erecting Bridges on either side of the said southwest branch, as the Commissioner or Commissioners to be appointed may find expedient, from the forks, or Etienne's River, to the Elm Tree.

The sum of twenty-five pounds towards erecting a Bridge across Black Brook on the south side of Miramichi River.

The sum of twenty five pounds towards erecting a Bridge across Dennis' Creek, so called, in Bay du Vin Bay, Miramichi.

The sum of fifty pounds to assist in building a boat, or scow to be employed at or near Kollock's, in ferrying travellers and cattle across the River and Bay of Passabiquack, and for building a hut on the beach at or near the entrance of Passabiquack River, for the convenience of travellers.

The sum of sixty pounds for erecting a Bridge across Gaspereaux River near Richibucto.

The sum of twenty five pounds towards opening and improving the Road from Cocagne to Bucktouch, and the further sum of fifty pounds from Bucktouch to Richibucto.

The several sums hereundermentioned to be laid out in repairing and improving the undermentioned Roads in the County of Charlotte, to wit,

From Linigin's to Connick's, fifty pounds.
From Connick's to Bradford's one hundred and fifty pounds.

From Shamcook's to Mark Turner's fifty pounds.
From Buckabek Bridge to the Magagaudavic River, one hundred and fifty pounds.

From Cluch's to Beaver Harbour settlement, seventy-five pounds.

For opening a Road from the settlement on Digidgush River to the settlements on Pleasant Ridge, the sum of fifty pounds.

For blowing Rocks on the Road near Winder's Mill on the Magagaudavic River, twenty-five pounds.

For repairing the Road and erecting a Bridge between Carlisle's and James Blakeney's the sum of two hundred pounds.

For repairing the Road from James Blakeney's to Sherman's, one hundred and fifty pounds.

For repairing and improving the Road from Sherman's to the bend of the Peticoodiac River, one hundred and fifty pounds.

For repairing the Road across Memramcook Portage, one hundred pounds.

Towards repairing the Portage from Dorchester to Sackville, one hundred pounds.

The sum of one hundred pounds to repair and improve the Road from the Bend of Peticoodiac River, to Shediac Harbour.

The sum of two hundred pounds for repairing and improving the Road from Shediac Harbour to Memramcook Bridge.

The sum of fifty pounds for erecting a Bridge across Crooked Creek, in Hopewell.

The sum of fifty pounds for erecting a Bridge across Gaspereaux River, on the Road leading from Westmorland to the Parish of Botsford.

The sum of twenty-five pounds to build a boat to be employed as a ferry boat from Westcock to Fort Cumberland.

The sum of fifty pounds for repairing the Road across the Marsh, between Sackville and Westmorland.

For improving the Military Road from the lower

line of Queen's County, to the upper line thereof, the sum of one hundred pounds.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for erecting a Bridge over Easty's Mill Stream, in Queen's County, and the like sum of twenty-five pounds for erecting a Bridge near Hewlet's in said County.

For repairing the Military Road from the upper line of Queen's County to Edward Burpe's the sum of fifty pounds.

The sum of two hundred pounds towards completing the causeway in Burton in the public Road, leading through Mr. Street's Meadow.

The sum of one hundred pounds for improving the Road commencing at the Main Road near Richard Kemble's to Daniel Smith's on the Oromocto.

The sum of forty pounds for improving the Road on the Little River, to the Road on the French Lake, in the County of Sunbury.

The sum of fifty pounds for repairing Bridges in the town of Fredericton.

The sum of seventy-five pounds for building a Bridge over Garden's Mill stream in the Parish of King's Clear, and the sum of fifteen pounds for erecting a Bridge over Lyken's Creek, in the same Parish.

The sum of four hundred pounds for improving the Road on the general line of communication from Fredericton to Presque Isle commencing where the improvements left off last year.

The sum of fifty pounds for improving the Road from Fredericton to the Rushiguanish and for erecting a Bridge across the same.

The sum of one hundred pounds to assist in repairing the Roads and Bridges on the Nashack Road from Monckton ferry to the head of the settlement.

The sum of twenty-five pounds to assist the inhabitants of the Parish of Wakefield in opening and repairing Roads, on the west side of the River Saint John, in that Parish.

The sum of fifty pounds to erect a Bridge across the Nashwacis Creek in the Parish of Saint Mary's.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for improving the Road from Tabor's at the head of Hammond River to the settlement at Quaco.

The sum of seventy-five pounds for erecting a Bridge over the southwest branch of the Musquash River.

The sum of fifty-three pounds ten shillings and nine pence, to John Mount, being the balance due to him for completing a Bridge over Musquash River.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for improving the long Portage from Hazen's Marsh to the Kennebeck River.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for improving the Road from Dipper Harbour to Musquash.

The sum of fifty pounds for improving the Road from Quaco to Saint John, along the Bay of Fundy and Black River.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for improving the Road from New Maryland to Fredericton.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for opening a Road from Firman's Bridge to Mactuguack.

The sum of twenty-five pounds to His Honor the President for exploring a Road from Pleasant Ridge to the settlements on the Oromocto, and a further sum of seventy-five pounds to be laid out in opening such Road, if on the report of the Commissioner employed by him to explore it, he shall deem it advisable.

And the like sum of twenty-five pounds to His Honor the President for exploring a Road from the settlements at Beaver Harbour to the settlements at Musquash; and a further sum of seventy-five pounds to be laid out in opening said Road, if upon report he shall deem it advisable.

The sum of twenty pounds for completing the Abodeau on the lower Mill Creek in Sackville, being on the general line of communication.

The sum of seventy-five pounds to assist in opening the Road from Tabor's on Hammond River leading to the Parish of Hopewell.

The sum of twenty-five pounds to assist in opening the Road from Martin's Head to the Hopewell Road.

The sum of twenty-five pounds for the purpose of aiding in clearing the Creek, commonly called Simond's Creek, communicating with the River Saint John and the back Lakes.

The sum of fifteen pounds in aid of the settlers on the Nashwacis, to enable them to clear out the said Creek to facilitate the passage of logs and lumber along the same.

The sum of twenty-five pounds to the settlements on the Basswood and Cheputneticook Ridge to assist them in repairing the Roads from those settlements to Saint Stephen's.

II. And be it further enacted, That the sum of fifty pounds granted in the Session of one thousand eight hundred and seven, to assist in building a boat to be employed at the Ferry from Wahwig Creek to Oak Point, and also the sum of twenty pounds granted the same Session for widening and repairing the Road from Oak Point to Dennis's Stream in the County of Charlotte be re-appropriated, and applied for opening and shortening a Road from the widow Moore's to the public landing at Saint Stephen's in said County.

III. And be it further enacted, That the sum of fifty pounds heretofore granted towards building a Bridge across Dennis's Stream be re-appropriated, and the said sum applied towards building a Bridge across the said Stream on the Road leading from the widow Moore's to the public landing at Saint Stephen's.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the sum of twenty pounds heretofore granted to assist the inhabitants of Sussex-Vale, in repairing the Bridge near Hallet's lately carried away, be re-appropriated and the said sum of twenty pounds be granted and applied towards building or repairing a Bridge across Studholm's Mill Stream in King's County.

V. And be it further enacted, That the sum of fifty

pounds heretofore granted for repairing the Road from Lewis Mitchel's to John Astle's on the north side of the southwest branch of Miramichi, together with the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds also heretofore granted for opening a Road, and erecting Bridges from the Forks, or Etienne's River to the Elm Tree on the said southwest branch, neither of which sums have been laid out, be, and the same shall be laid out and appropriated on the said Roads in addition to the sum of fifty pounds, and the sum of one hundred pounds heretofore granted, as by Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose shall be deemed most convenient and expedient.—All which several sums shall be paid by Warrant of His Honor the President or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council out of the monies now in the Treasury, or as payment may be made at the same.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the several and respective sums of money, and every part thereof, shall be paid to the several and respective persons who shall actually work and labour in making, completing, and repairing the said several Roads and Bridges, or in furnishing materials therefor, at the most reasonable rates that such labour and materials can be procured; and that the several and respective persons who shall be entrusted with the expenditure of the said several and respective sums, shall keep an exact account of the expenditure thereof, and shall produce receipts in writing from the several and respective persons to whom any part of the 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 authorized 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.

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 of March, 1812.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE,
OF TUESDAY APRIL 14.
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, April 14, 1812.

A despatch, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Earl of Wellington, dated Camp before Badajos, 27th March, 1812.

The operations of the siege of Badajos have continued since I addressed you on the 20th, notwithstanding the badness of the weather, till the 25th inst. On that day we opened our fire from twenty-eight pieces of ordnance in six batteries, in the first parallel; two of which were intended to fire upon the out-work called La Picurina, and the other four to enfilade or destroy the defences of the fort on the side attacked. I directed Major-General Kempt, who commanded in the trenches on that afternoon, to attack La Picurina by storm, after it was dark that night; which services he effected in the most judicious and gallant manner.

The attack was made by five hundred men of the 3d division, formed into three detachments; the right under the command of Major Shaw, of the 74th, the centre under the Honorable Captain Powys, of the 83d; and the left under Major Rudd, of the 77th regiment. The communication between the out-work and the body of the place, was entered on its right and left by the right and left detachments, each consisting of two hundred men, half of each of which detachments protected the attack from sallies from the fort, while the others attacked the work in its gorge.

It was first entered, however, by the centre detachment of one hundred men, under the command of the Honorable Capt. Powys, of the 83d regiment, who escaled the work at the salient angle, at a point at which the palisades had been injured by our fire. The detachments which attacked the work by the gorge, had the most serious difficulties to contend with, as it was closed by not less than three rows of strong palisades, defended by musketry, and a place of arms for the garrison, musket proof, loopholed throughout. When the attack upon the salient angle, however succeeded, the whole got into the work.

The enemy's garrison in the out-work consisted of two hundred and fifty men, with seven pieces of artillery, under the command of Colonel Gaspard Thierry, of the Etat Major of the Army of the South; but very few, if any, escaped. The Colonel, three other Officers, and eighty-six men, have been taken prisoners, and the remainder were either killed by the fire of our troops, or drowned in the inundation of the River Rivellas. The enemy made a sortie from the ravelin called St. Roque, either with a view to recover La Pi-