

Richard Winter,

The Lord Bishop  
of Fredericton.Recited Grants to  
be a good title.Construction  
of Act.

Preamble.

Exclusive right of  
navigating by  
Steam the Saint  
John, from the  
Grand Falls up-  
wards, granted to  
James Drake, upon  
Bond being given  
to erect a Boat  
within six months.

Grant, reference being thereunto had, or the registry thereof in the Office of the Secretary and Register of the Province, will more fully appear: And whereas His said Majesty King George the Third did, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of this Province, bearing date the seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty seventh year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the Third, grant to Richard Winter, one rood and twelve perches of Land, being particularly designated, distinguished and described by proper metes and bounds in the said Grant, reference being thereunto had, or the registry thereof in the Office of Secretary and Register of the Province, will more fully appear: And whereas Her present Majesty Queen Victoria did, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of this Province, bearing date the ninth day of January, in the present year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the ninth year of Her Reign, grant to the Right Reverend John, the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, and his Successors, all that piece or parcel of Land, situate in Fredericton, lying between Brunswick Street and the River Saint John, and commonly called the Church Green, and particularly designated, distinguished and described by proper metes and bounds in the said Grant, for the purpose of erecting a Cathedral thereon, and with a proviso therein contained, that no other building or erection, other than the said Cathedral, should be erected or set up thereon, reference being thereunto had, or the registry thereof in the Office of the Secretary and Register of the Province, will more fully appear: And whereas the said several pieces and parcels of Land contained in the said several Grants above mentioned, are all situate in front of the Town Plat of Fredericton, as described in the Grant to Cornelius Akerman and others, and form part of the Land reserved for a Common and other public uses: And whereas doubts have recently been started as to the titles of the aforementioned Grantees to the Lands specified in the said Grants, and the right of the Crown to grant any of the Land reserved in Fredericton, has been questioned: And whereas common justice to the individual purchasers and their Assigns, as well as the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of Fredericton, alike require that all such doubts should be removed, and any question of the validity of their titles for ever set at rest and quieted;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the said several Grants above mentioned, and each and every of them, shall be good, valid and effectual for all the purposes therein severally contained, and shall be deemed to operate against all persons whatever, according to the terms and conditions of such Grant, and subject alone to the provisos and conditions therein contained; and all Courts of Law and Equity shall, and they are required, in all suits, actions or controversies in any way relating thereto, to presume that the title to the land specified in each and every of the aforementioned Grants, was in the Crown at the time of the issuing of such Grant, and thereby regularly and legally granted and aliened.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be construed liberally for the purpose of effecting the objects for which it was enacted.

## CAP LXX.

An Act to encourage the building of a Steamer to run between the Great Falls and the River Saint Francis, on the Upper Saint John.

*Passed 14th April 1846.*

‘ WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to the General Assembly of this Province from James Drake, of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, praying for an exclusive privilege for the term of five years, to be granted to him by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, as an encouragement for the erection of a Passage and Freight Boat to be worked by Steam, for the accommodation and conveyance of Passengers and Freight between the Grand Falls and the upper part of the River Saint John: And whereas a Steam Boat for the accommodation and conveyance of Passengers and Freight between the Grand Falls and the upper part of the River Saint John, is much wanted, and will add greatly to the facility of the communication;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the said James Drake, upon good and sufficient security being given to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, by Bond, by the said James Drake, in the penal sum of two thousand pounds, conditioned to be void on the erection of a good and sufficient Boat to be worked by Steam, competent to the accommodation of one hundred Passengers and thirty tons of Freight,