

to be employed in conveying, fetching or guarding mails of letters and expresses under the authority of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or the duly authorized Post Office authorities in this Province, or the Provincial Government, either when employed in conveying, fetching or guarding the same, or for any soldiers upon their march, or upon duty, or for any horse, cattle or carriages attending them with their arms or baggage, or returning after having been so employed, nor for any waggon, cart, or other carriage whatsoever, or the horse or horses or other cattle drawing the same, which shall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, Commissariat, or other public stores of or belonging to Her Majesty's service; and no poor or other rates shall be assessed or levied upon the said Company for or on account of the said Bridge and its appurtenances.

14. The Directors shall at the general annual meeting of the Company in each and every year lay before the stockholders, for their information, an exact and particular statement of the state of the affairs and business of the said Company, agreeably to the several regulations of this Act, so as the same may contain a true account of the whole affairs of the said Company, which statement shall be signed by the Directors and attested by the Secretary.

15. If any shareholder shall fail to pay the amount of any assessment made by the said Company, or any part thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue such shareholder for the amount thereof, or so much thereof as may be and remain due and owing thereon, in any Court of Law or Equity having competent jurisdiction, and to recover the same with lawful interest from the day on which such assessment was payable, with costs of suit.

16. In any action or suit to be brought by the said Company against any shareholder, to recover any money due upon any call, it shall not be necessary to set forth the special matter, but it shall be sufficient for the said Company to declare that the defendant is the holder of one or more shares in the said Company, [*state the number of shares,*] and is indebted to the said Company in the sum of money to which the assessment or assessments in arrear shall amount in respect of one assessment or more upon one share or more in the said undertaking, and that such assessment was in fact made; and it shall not be necessary to prove any other matter whatsoever, and thereupon the said Company shall be entitled to recover what shall be due upon such call, and interest thereon.

17. Should the Provincial Government at any time after the passing of this Act, be willing and desirous of assuming the said Bridge, and placing the same upon the Great Road establishment of this Province for the free use of all Her Majesty's subjects, and pay to the said Corporation the whole costs and outlay in and about its erection and maintenance, then and in such case the said Corporation shall yield and surrender up to the Provincial Government the said Bridge, with all things appertaining thereto, together with this Act, and such Corporation from that time shall cease and have no longer any existence.

18. Nothing in this Act contained shall in any way interfere with the navigation of the River Saint John, or authorize any obstruction thereof.

19. If the said Company shall not within three years from and after the passing of this Act, complete the said Bridge, or so as to make the same passable for horses and carriages,

then and from thenceforth all and singular the powers and authorities vested in them by this Act shall cease and determine to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

CAP. XLIV.

An Act to incorporate the British and American Telegraph Company in New Brunswick.

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Passed 17th June 1867.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That Sir David Brewster, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, the Honorable William A. Henry, the Honorable Peter Mitchell, the Honorable Amos E. Botsford, Honorable Edward Williston, Thomas Allan, William Stafford, Thomas Page, and such other persons as shall from time to time become proprietors of shares in the Corporation hereby established, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name of "The British and American Telegraph Company in New Brunswick," and by that name shall have all the powers made incident to a Corporation by the Acts of Assembly of this Province, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and working a single or double line of Electro Telegraphic communication from any part of the borders of Nova Scotia, or shores of New Brunswick, through the said Province, to the eastern boundary of the State of Maine, in the United States of America, and also to the boundary of Canada, by such routes and directions as they may deem best, with power to establish such branch lines and extensions through the Province, in connexion therewith, as the increase of business, the establishment of railroads, or other circumstances, may make advisable, and for the purposes of said lines, and the branches and extensions thereof, to make such erections as may be necessary, and to purchase and acquire such real or moveable property as may be necessary for the making, maintaining and working the said Electro Telegraphic communications.

2. The capital stock of the said Corporation shall be fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into twelve hundred and fifty shares of forty dollars each, with power to the said Company to increase the same to two hundred thousand dollars, either by increasing the number of shares or by adding to the amount of each share.

3. The first meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of organizing the said Corporation, shall be called by any two of the said Corporation hereinbefore named, by giving fifteen days notice of the time and place of such meeting in the Royal Gazette, or in some other paper published in the Province.

4. The said Company may by their agents and servants enter upon the side or sides of any or all of the public roads, streets, bridges or highways in this Province, through, along, across, or by which said Telegraphic lines, or any of their branches and extensions shall pass, or be required to pass, and on the same erect and construct such and so many posts or other works as they may deem necessary for making, maintaining and using the said Electric Telegraph; and