

before the Justices, in their said Sessions, an account to be audited by the said Justices, of the expenses incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the poor in the said Alms House and Work House for the past year, together with an estimate of the sum or sums of money that will be needful for the maintenance and employment of the poor of the said House, including contingent expenses for the current year; and the amount of the said account, when audited and allowed by the said Justices, shall be apportioned on the several Parishes in the said County, having regard to the number of persons that each Parish shall have had in the said Alms House and Work House during the past year, and assessed, levied and collected from the inhabitants thereof in the manner provided by law for assessing, levying and collecting County rates, and when received shall be paid by the several collectors into the hands of the County Treasurer for the use of the said Commissioners, and for no other purpose.

7. All the Magistrates in and for the said County shall have the right to visit the said Alms House and Work House, at all reasonable times, for any purpose connected with the good management of the same, and shall have full power and authority to examine and inspect all the details of management, and in and out door economy of the same, and also into the character, conduct and employment of each and every of the inmates.

8. The profits of any work or labour to be performed, under the direction of the said Commissioners, shall be duly accounted for by them, and applied to the support and maintenance of the persons inhabiting within the said Alms House and Work House, and the Commissioners shall be allowed a commission of two and a half per cent. on the amount expended by them in the support and maintenance of the said Alms House and Work House, as a remuneration for their services.

9. Until such time as a suitable Farm shall be purchased, and a proper building or buildings shall be erected for the purposes of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to hire and make use of any other building or buildings within the said Parish of Chatham, which they shall think fit and convenient for an Alms House and Work House, in manner and form as by this Act prescribed.

#### CAP. LIV.

##### An Act to incorporate the Houlton Branch Railway Company.

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5 General powers of Corporation; liability of shareholders.	10 Directors empowered to charge lands,
	11 When Railway to be commenced and completed.
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Passed 17th June 1867.

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

1. That William Lindsay, M. P. P., Honorable Charles Connell, Robert A. Hay, George H. Connell, Lewis Peter Fisher, Honorable William Todd, Gilbert W. Vanwart, Freeman H. Todd, Robert Watson, Nathan Smart, Zachariah Chipman, Samuel T. King, Joseph E. Eaton, Honorable John M'Adam, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Houlton Branch Railway Company,"

and by that name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have and enjoy all proper remedies by law and equity to secure and protect them in the exercise and use of the rights and privileges, and in the performance of the duties hereafter enjoined, and to prevent all invasion thereof, in exercising and performing the same; and the said Corporation, so soon as the sum of five thousand dollars of the capital stock shall be actually paid, are hereby authorized and empowered to locate and construct, and finally complete, alter and keep in repair, a Railroad with one or more sets of rails or tracks, with all suitable bridges, tunnels, viaducts, turnouts, culverts, drains, and all other necessary appendages, from the intersection of the Woodstock line of Railroad with the line of Railroad of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company at Morrell Blanchard's, in the Parish of Richmond, in the County of Carleton, to the boundary line of the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick, whenever the said Corporation may deem it expedient so to do, and to make such branches thereof as they shall deem proper; and the said Company shall be and are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Act; and for this purpose the said Corporation shall have the right to purchase or take and hold so much of the land and other real estate of private persons or Corporations as may be necessary for the location, construction and convenient operation of said Railroad, and branches thereof, and stations connected therewith; and they shall also have the right to take, remove, and use for the construction and repair of said Railroad and appurtenances, any earth, gravel, stone, timber, or other materials, on or from the land so taken; provided however, that said land so taken for the route of said Railway shall not exceed six rods in width, except when greater width is necessary for the purpose of excavation and embankment; and provided also, that in all cases said Corporation shall pay for said lands, estate and materials so taken and used, such price as they and the owner or respective owners thereof may mutually agree upon; and in case said parties shall not otherwise agree, the said Corporation shall pay such damages as shall be ascertained and determined, in the same manner and under the same conditions and limitations as are provided by the second Section of the Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act relating to the Saint Andrews and Quebec Railroad*, as also for the recovery of the same; and the land so taken by said Corporation shall be held as lands taken and appropriated for highways; and all applications for damages shall be made within three years from the time of taking such land or other property, and not after.

2. The capital stock of the said Corporation shall consist of thirty thousand dollars, to be divided into three hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, with power to increase to one hundred thousand dollars, with additional shares of one hundred dollars each; and the immediate government and direction of the affairs of the said Corporation shall be vested in five Directors, who shall be chosen by the members of the said Corporation in manner hereinafter provided, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen in their stead, a majority of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; and they shall elect one of their number to be