



FERRIES ORDINANCE, 1854.

IN THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
QUEEN VICTORIA.

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AN ORDINANCE to Establish and Regulate Ferries.

WHEREAS the establishment of Ferries on Rivers, Creeks, and Lakes, within the Province of Otago, would now, or hereafter, promote the convenience of the Public, and greatly facilitate communication between various parts of the Province, and between said Province and the neighbouring Province of Canterbury :

BE IT ENACTED by the Superintendent of the Province of Otago, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, as follows :—

1. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent to authorise Ferries to be established and erected at convenient places on the Rivers, Creeks, and Lakes within the Province of Otago, for the conveyance of passengers, animals, and goods across the same.

2. For such purpose it shall be lawful for the Superintendent to cause to be reserved and appropriated on each side of any river, creek, or lake, a water frontage of such extent as shall be considered suitable for the convenient erection of a Ferry, and also adjoining to the Ferry on either side of such river, creek, or lake, a piece of land not exceeding fifty acres for the use of the ferryman, or person in charge of the Ferry, and his family, and for erecting and maintaining thereon a house or inn, with stockyard, stables, and other accommodations for the convenience of the public.

Money may be borrowed to defray expense.

3. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent, when funds are required for the erection or maintenance of any Ferry, to procure and lay before the Provincial Council detailed estimates of the expense; and, upon such estimates being approved by the Provincial Council, it shall further be lawful for him to borrow any sum of money not exceeding the amount of said estimates, to be applied for the purposes specified therein.

No expense to be incurred without previous sanction of Provincial Council.

4. Provided always, that no money borrowed, nor any part of the Public Revenue, shall be applied to the erection or maintenance of such Ferries, or any purpose connected therewith, without the express sanction of the Provincial Council.

Ferries to be Let.

5. The said Ferries shall from time to time be let by the Superintendent, with the consent of the Provincial Council.

Ferry-house may be licensed by Superintendent.

6. It shall also be lawful to the Superintendent to license any house or inn at a ferry-station, for the purpose of this Ordinance, at such times, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions, and either with or without any annual payment, as to the Superintendent shall seem meet.

Rules for regulating Ferries to be made.

7. It shall also be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council, from time to time to make Rules for regulating the description of boats to be used on such Ferries; the keeping of them tight and in good repair; the fares and freights of passengers, animals, and goods; the exemptions (if any) therefrom; and, generally, for otherwise regulating the said Ferries in such manner as will be most conducive to convenience and safety. Provided always, that no such rules shall have any force or effect until after they have been published in the Provincial Government Gazette.

Passed the Provincial Council this 13th day of March 1854.

ARCHIBALD ANDERSON,  
*Speaker.*

ROBERT CHAPMAN,  
*Clerk of Council.*

Assented to on behalf of the Governor, at Dunedin, the  
Twenty-fifth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and  
Fifty-four.

W. CARGILL,  
*Superintendent of the Province of Otago.*

[This Ordinance has been amended by the "Ferries Ordinance, 1856," and the "Ferries Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1856."]