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HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

GUY LORD DORCHESTER GOVERNOR.

AT the Provincial Parliament, begun and holden at *Quebec*, the Seventeenth day of December, *Anno Domini*, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, in the thirty-third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the faith, &c.

Being the first Session of the first Provincial Parliament of LOWER-CANADA.

C A P. I.

An Act to prevent the bringing of GUN-POWDER in Ships or other Vessels into the Harbour of *Montreal*, and to guard against the careless Transporting of the same into the *Powder-Magazines*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the bringing of Gun-Powder on board of Ships or other Vessels into the Harbour of *Montreal*, is attended with great risk and danger to the town and alarming to the Inhabitants thereof, by reason of the proximity of the Buildings to the Harbour or usual place of unloading at the market Gate: And whereas the landing of Gun-Powder from on board of Ships or other Vessels, and the Carrying thereof into the Powder Magazines may, if not carefully attended to, be productive of the most fatal effects: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and the Assembly of *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the Authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign" intituled "An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of *Quebec* in North America and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province." That from and after the publication of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Master or Masters of any Ship or other Vessel to enter into the Harbour of *Montreal*, which shall be considered for this purpose to extend to the Channel on the off-side of the little Island near to the Town, with more than five pounds of Gun-Powder on board any such Ship or other Vessel, under the penalty of ten pounds current money of this Province: Provided always that it shall be lawful to all and every Master or Masters of Ships or other Vessels on arriving at the Cross or Foot of the current near to the Town of *Montreal*, there to unload and land the Gun-Powder he or they shall have on board of their respective Ships or other Vessels.

No Vessel to enter the Harbour of *Montreal* with more than five pounds of Gun-Powder under penalty of ten pounds.

Permission to unload Gun-Powder at the Cross near *Montreal*.

On landing Gun-Powder Boats so be covered with tarpaulings under penalty of 40s.

II. And be it enacted, by the Authority aforesaid; that all and every Master or Masters of Ships or other Vessels, in the landing of Gun-Powder at *Montreal* aforesaid, shall employ Boats or Battoes, every and each of which, shall have sufficient Tarpaulings or Oil Cloths to cover the said Gun-Powder, under the penalty of Forty Shillings, for each Boat or Battoe which shall not be so provided and covered.

Manner of landing Gun-Powder under penalty of 4l.

III. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid; that all Gun-Powder coming from on board of any Ship or other Vessel, in boats or battoes as aforesaid, shall be landed by the Master of such Ship or other Vessel, at the gate of the Town, commonly called the Barrack Gate, if such Gun-Powder is to be stored in the Powder Magazine in the Barrack Yard and on the beach above the Wharf or Quay, commonly called *Franchere's*, if to be stored in the Powder-Magazine near to the English burying ground, or by entering into the little river in battoe land such Powder, at the *Grey Sisters Bridge*, under the penalty of four pounds currency of the Province.

Manner of transporting Gun-Powder after landed to the Magazines under penalty of 40s.

IV. And be it enacted, by the same Authority, that in the carting or transporting of Gun-Powder in Carts, Trucks or other Carriages, each shall be provided with an oil cloth or tarpauling sufficient for covering such Gun-Powder, and all Gun-Powder landed near to the Powder Magazine in the barrack yard, shall be transported, through the Barrack gate direct to said Magazine, and all Gun-Powder to be stored in the Powder Magazine, near to the English burying ground, shall be transported to the said Magazine by the *Récollets* gate, and thence along the Ramparts behind the houses of that part of the town of *Montreal* aforesaid, under the penalty of Forty shillings for every cart or truck transporting Gun-Powder, contrary to this Act. AND all penalties and forfeitures incurred under this Act, shall be sued for within eight days after the offence committed, before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal* in their weekly sittings; one half thereof to belong to the informer and the other half to the King. And the said Justices of the Peace are hereby authorized and required, to hear and determine the same on the Oath of one credible witness, other than the informer, and to levy the same with costs of suit by warrant of distress and sale of the Guns, Boats, Tackle and Apparel and Furniture of such ship or other Vessel, or of the Goods and Chattels of other persons offending in these premises, under the Hands and Seals of such Justices of the Peace, directed to any Constable, rendering the surplus, if any, after deducting the Costs and Charges of distress and sale, to the master or person having command of such ship or other Vessel or to other persons to whom of right it may appertain. And the fines, forfeitures and Penalties hereby granted and reserved for the Crown, are to be for the public uses of this Province, and for the support of the Government thereof, and shall be accounted for to the Crown through the Commissioners of the Royal Treasury for the time being, as the Crown shall direct.

Penalties how recovered and fines applied.

C A P I I.

An ACT to permit the importation of *Wampum*, from the Neighbouring States by the Inland communication of Lake Champlain, and the River *Richelieu* or *Sorel*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Article of *Wampum* in the form of Beeds, Moons or shells and hair pipes, is indispensably necessary in the Indian Trade carried on from this Province to the western Country; and Whereas the said Articles of *Wampum* in the form of Beeds, Moons or Shells not being the product or manufactory of any part of the British Dominions, can only be had from the neighbouring States of which it is the product. Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and