

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 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 be lawful to his Majesty's Subjects to import from the Neighbouring States by the Inland communication of Lake Champlain and the River Richelieu or Sorel, the article of *Wampum*, in the form of Beeds, Moons or Shells and Hair pipes of such nature and kind as are used in the Indian trade to the Western Country.

Liberty granted to import *Wampum* from the neighbouring States, by inland communication.

Wampum to be entered at the Port of St. John's otherwise forfeited.

II. And in order to guard against the clandestine importation of such articles of Merchandise as are by Law prohibited, which articles might be packed with *Wampum*. Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person importing *Wampum* by the said communication, shall make entry thereof at his Majesty's Custom House at the Port of St. John's, and any *Wampum* coming by the said communication, which shall be brought past or beyond the said Port without such entry being made, the said *Wampum* shall be forfeited, and it shall be lawful to and for the Custom House Officer or Officers, at St. John's, to inspect and examine all packages said to contain *Wampum*, and should there be found therein any prohibited Goods, Wares or Merchandise, the whole of the *Wampum* so packed, shall be forfeited in like manner as prohibited Goods, Wares or Merchandise.

Custom House Officers to execute this Act with the same powers given them by the several Statutes relative to the Plantation Trade.

Fines granted by this Act how to be applied.

III. And it is hereby also enacted by the same authority, that it shall be the duty of the Officers of the Customs to execute this Act, in the manner of executing any of the Statutes made for the regulation of plantation Trade, and they shall be entitled to all such aid and assistance therein, as they are entitled to and may demand, under all or any of the Statutes aforesaid, and the forfeitures by this Act inflicted, shall and may be recovered and divided in the same manner and form, and by the same Rules and regulations in all respects as other forfeitures for offences against the Law, relating to the Customs and trade of His Majesty's Colonies in America, shall or may by any Act or Acts of Parliament be sued for, prosecuted, recovered and divided. 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.

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An Act to prevent the inconveniences that may arise by the discontinuance of certain temporary Ordinances, passed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council.

Preamble.
33 Geo. 3. chap. 1.
33 Geo. 3. chap. 2.

WHEREAS two certain Ordinances were made and passed on the twenty-fourth day of February in the thirty second year of His Majesty's reign, the one intituled "An Ordinance relating to causes, in appeal to the Court of the Governor and Executive Council," the other intituled "An Ordinance to facilitate the production of parole proof in civil causes," which said Ordinances, as temporary Ordinances, will lose their force unless provision be made for continuing the same. Be it therefore enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the Authority of an Act passed

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sed 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 said Province of Quebec in North America and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province.*" And it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same that the two temporary Ordinances aforementioned, shall not expire at the expiration of six months from the first assembling of the present Legislative Council and Assembly, which happened on the seventeenth day of December last, but that the said two temporary Ordinances shall continue and be of force, until otherwise enacted and declared by Act or Acts for that purpose hereafter to be passed:

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An ACT for granting Indulgencies to the People called QUAKERS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers Statutes have been made in ease and favor of the Protestants dissenting from the Church of England, called Quakers, and it is reasonable that the People, called Quakers in this Province should enjoy such ease and indulgence as their Religious tenets require. Be it therefore enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province 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.*" And it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, that from and after the publication hereof, the People commonly called Quakers, which now are and hereafter shall be residing in this Province, shall not be compellable to take Oaths, but instead thereof make solemn affirmation, in the same form and words in which an Oath is directed to be administered, leaving out the word *swear*, and inserting in the place thereof, *do Solemnly, Sincerely and truly declare and Affirm.*

Quakers to make
Affirmation in-
stead of an Oath.

Quakers not
subject to perso-
nal Military duty
but to find substi-
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nothing to pre-
vent Quakers
from enrolling
themselves in a-
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II. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that Personal Military duty or service shall not be required or exacted from the said People called Quakers, but that in all cases where by the Militia Laws or Regulations of this Province any of the said People called Quakers shall be commanded to appear at any Review or other General Militia Service, every such Quaker shall forfeit a fine of Two Shillings current money of this Province, for every time he shall be absent from such Review or other General Militia Service, to be sued for, levied and recovered in the same manner and before the same Court, as other Militia fines not exceeding Ten Shillings, and in all cases where any Quaker or Quakers may be commanded or balloted for to serve in any detachment of Militia, and the said Quaker or Quakers do not provide a sufficient substitute or substitutes to serve in such detachments in his or their places, agreeable to Law, it shall and may be lawful for the Commanding Officer of the Militia of the District where such Quaker or Quakers reside, to provide upon as reasonable terms as may be, a good and sufficient substitute or substitutes to serve in such detachment, in the place or places of the said Quaker or Quakers, if such Commanding Officer think proper so to do, and the sum agreed for by such Commanding officer, shall be paid to such substitute or substitutes, by such Quaker or Quakers in whose place or places they shall respectively serve, but, in all cases where any Quaker or Quakers shall be commanded or balloted for, to serve in any detachment of Militia, do not provide or cause to be provided, good and sufficient substitutes to serve in his or their place or places as before set forth, every such Quaker or Quakers shall then respective-