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**An Act for making further provision with respect to persons to be hereafter appointed Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes. (9th March, 1824.)**

Whereas it is expedient to make further provision respecting the appointment of Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes than hath been by Law heretofore provided;—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 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 passing of this Act, all Licences or Commissions heretofore issued for the appointment of any Inspector or Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes in this Province, shall be and the same are hereby revoked and rendered null and void.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time beings by a Commission under his hand and seal, to constitute and appoint at least seven skilful persons resident in the City of Montreal, to be and constitute a Board of Examiners, who, before acting as such, shall severally take the following oath, before one of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench:—"I A.B. do swear that I will not, directly or indirectly, personally or by means of any person or persons on my behalf, receive any fee, reward or gratuity whatever, by reason of any function of my office of Examiner, and that I will therein well and truly in all things act without partiality, favor or affection, and to the best of my knowledge and understanding—So help me God;" before whom every person hereafter desirous of being appointed an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes in this Province, shall, previously to his appointment as such undergo an examination as to fitness, character and capacity, in the manner as hereinafter is provided, nor shall any person or persons be appointed as an Inspector or Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes in this Province, unless approved of and recommended as such by such Board of Examiners, or a majority of them, pursuant to such examination.

III. Provided, nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Board of Examiners to be constituted as aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, before proceeding to the examination of any person or persons who may hereafter be desirous to be appointed an Inspector or Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes, to require the attendance of two or more persons of the greatest experience and practice in the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, as well from amongst those persons who held Licences or Commissions as Inspectors prior to the passing of this Act, as from those who may hereafter be appointed as such in virtue thereof; and the said Board, in their

discretion, are also hereby further authorised to permit any other person or persons known to be well versed in the properties and qualities of Pot and Pearl Ashes, to be also present at the said examination, and each and every of the said persons so required to attend in the presence of the said Board, may propose questions to the person or persons desirous of being appointed an Inspector or Inspectors as aforesaid, touching and respecting his or their knowledge as to the properties and qualities of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person so as aforesaid examined and approved, shall, (if appointed an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes) previous to receiving his Licence or Commission as such, take and subscribe an oath before one of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the District in which he resides, in the words following, that is to say —“I A. B. do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, to the best of my judgement, skill and understanding, do and perform the office and duty of an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes, according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws thereunto appertaining in force in this Province, and that I will not directly nor indirectly, by myself or by any other person or persons for me, manufacture, buy or sell, any Pot and Pearl Ashes on my own account or upon the account of any other person or persons whomsoever, or during the time I shall continue Inspector of the same—So help me God.” Which oath shall be recorded in the office of the Prothonotary or Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench, where the same is taken, and shall be instead of the oath required by the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Third, intituled, “An Act for the appointment of Inspectors to ascertain the quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes for exportation,” for recording which oath, and for a Certificate thereof, the Prothonotaries shall be entitled to demand and have the sum of two shillings and six-pence, currency, and no more.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the persons who shall be, in pursuance of this Act, hereafter appointed as Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes, shall severally be liable to the several penalties, forfeitures and disabilities by Law heretofore imposed and provided, with respect to Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes, and actually in force in this Province.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Act shall be in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and no longer.