

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the first session of the twelfth Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: P. E. Desbarats, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1825.

5 George IV – Chapter 20

An Act for the encouragement of the Trade and Intercourse between the Ports of Quebec and Halifax. (22d. March, 1825.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a sum of Money for the encouragement of the communication and more easy intercourse between the Ports of Quebec and Halifax, and for the advancement of Navigation, and the Trade between Canada and Nova-Scotia, and whereas We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Lower-Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, have in the present Session freely resolved to grant for the purposes aforesaid, an aid to Your Majesty; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it 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 it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province, for the time being, to advance and pay by a Warrant or Warrants, under his hand, out of any unappropriated Monies that may come into the hands of the Receiver-General of the Province for the time being, the sum of fifteen hundred pounds currency, by three equal and annual payments to the first Person or Company that shall cause a Steam Vessel of not less than five hundred tons burthen, to be built and regularly navigated between the Ports of Quebec and Halifax, during four years, each payment to be made after the termination of the first voyage, each year, for three successive years.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that previous to the first payment, to be made under and in virtue of this Act, sufficient security shall be required and given before some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench, that such Steam Vessel shall for at least four successive years, regularly ply between the Ports of Quebec and Halifax, solely, (accidents always excepted) entering only, if the owner or owners shall so think proper at the intermediate Ports or places, which security so taken shall be transmitted to and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of the Province.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the Monies appropriated under this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to direct.