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7 George IV – Chapter 12

**An Act to continue and amend certain Acts therein mentioned, establishing a Watch, and providing for the Lighting of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal. (7th March, 1827.)**

Whereas it is expedient still further to continue, for a limited time, an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes," as amended by a certain other Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, 'An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes,'" and to encrease the funds necessary for the purposes of the said Act, the duration of which said Acts is limited to the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven: 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 the said Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes," as amended by an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifty- eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, 'An Act to provide more effectually for the security of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, by establishing a Watch and Night Lights in the said Cities, and for other purposes,'" and to encrease the funds necessary for the purposes of the said Act, and the said last-mentioned Act shall respectively still further continue to be and remain in force, and all and every the duties by the said Acts respectively imposed, shall be raised, levied, collected and paid as therein-mentioned and provided, and all and every the clauses, matters and things in the said Acts respectively mentioned and contained shall also still further continue to be and remain in full force and effect until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and no longer.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every the provisions of an Act passed in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to continue for a further limited time two certain Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the Watch and Night

Lights in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal," shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and no longer.

III. And whereas by the seventh section of the said Act of the fifty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, it is among other matters provided, that from and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, it shall not be permitted to any person having and holding a licence of Auctioneer in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, to act as such or exercise his profession of Auctioneer without paying annually, for the purposes of this Act, the sum of Thirty Pounds, current money of this Province, without providing for the manner in which such licence shall be granted; for remedy whereof be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons whosoever, other than the person authorized and licenced in the manner herein-after prescribed, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, sell, dispose of or expose to sale at public auction, or outcry within either of the said Cities, any goods, wares, merchandize or other effects whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Secretary of the Province of Lower-Canada, and he is hereby required by licence under his hand and seal to authorize and empower such person or persons being subjects of His Majesty, as shall or may apply for the same, to act as Auctioneer or Auctioneers within the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal respectively.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons who shall presume to sell or dispose of any goods, wares, merchandize and effects by way of public auction or out cry, without having previously obtained licence, shall forfeit the sum of Fifty pounds, current money of this Province for each offence, one moiety whereof to the prosecutor and the other moiety for the use of His Majesty, and every such forfeiture shall be sued for and recovered by action at law, to be brought by such prosecutor in any Court of Record for the District in which the offence was committed. Provided always, that such action shall be brought within three months next after the offence shall have been committed, and not after; and the fines and forfeitures accruing to His Majesty, arising from this Act, shall be applied and accounted for as in and by the said recited Act it is enacted and provided.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Secretary of the Province who shall grant such licence in the manner required by this Act, shall not exact or receive any greater or other fees than the sum of twenty shillings for granting the said licence as aforesaid.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any person or persons being subjects of His Majesty from selling without such licence all lands, tenements and goods belonging to His Majesty. His Heirs and Successors, and all lands, houses and other immoveables whatsoever, and all goods and chattels which shall or may be seized by any public officer for, or on account of any forfeiture or forfeitures, penalty or penalties, all goods and effects of deceased persons or appertaining to Dissolutions de Communautés, or goods distrained for rent or taken in execution, effects sold for the benefit of churches,

usufruct and produce of the estate of minors, of absentees, or of persons interdicted, nor to subject them to any duty, fine or penalty for having sold such property and effects without such licence.

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