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1 William IV – Chapter 43

An Act to relieve the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East Indies, from the payment of the duties on certain Teas, exported from this Province to Halifax, in Nova-Scotia. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the Agents of the "United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies," have by their Petition to the Legislature represented that the said Company did in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, import into this Province, a larger quantity of Black Teas than would have been required for the consumption of this Province, and of the Province of Upper-Canada, for many years to come, and that five hundred and fifty-three Chests of Congou Tea, (being part of the quantity so imported in the said year,) were therefore exported from the Port of Quebec, to the Port of Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia; and that because no Legislative Provision had been made with respect to the mode of proceeding in such cases, a Bond for the payment of the duties on the said Teas, to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, payable to the Collector of the Customs for the time being, at the Port of Quebec, was exacted from the said Agents under the authority of an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty, King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to grant new duties to His Majesty, to supply the wants of the Province," although by law no duty would have been payable on the said Teas, until they had been sold within this Province, by Public Sale, and have therefore prayed that the said Bond may be cancelled, or if paid before this Act has taken effect, that the sum paid under the conditions of the said Bond may be reimbursed to them; and whereas it is just and right that the prayer of the said Petition should be granted under certain provisions;—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 whenever a regular certificate of the actual landing of the said five hundred and fifty-three Chests of Congou Tea, at the Port of Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, shall be produced to the Collector of the Customs at Quebec, the said Bond given by the said Agents for the payment of the duties on the said Teas shall be ipso facto cancelled, and shall be utterly void and of no effect; Provided always, that if the duties mentioned in the said Bond shall have been paid to the Collector of the Customs at Quebec before this Act shall have taken effect,—then upon the production of such certificate to the

said Collector of the Customs it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government, to authorize by warrant under his hand, the payment to the said Agents, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, of a sum of money equal to the sum by them paid as aforesaid, under the conditions of the said Bond.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of such sum of money as may be expended under the authority of 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.