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An Act to appoint Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed, or to be appointed, on the part of the Province of Upper Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned. (21st March, 1836.)

Whereas it is expedient that Commissioners be appointed to meet such Commissioners as are or may be hereafter appointed on the behalf of the Province of Upper Canada, to treat of and report upon matters, of common concern to both Provinces:—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 Honorable Pierre Dominique Debartzch, the Honorable Louis Joseph Papineau, and Jacob Dewitt, Esquire, shall be, and the same are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners on the part of this Province, and they or any two of them are authorized and empowered, to meet such Commissioners as are or hereafter may be appointed on the part of the Province of Upper Canada, and to treat, consult upon and report on matters of common concern to both the said Provinces, respecting the imposing and collecting of duties on importations, the improvement of the navigation of the Rivers Saint Lawrence and Ottawa, and Roads of Communication between the two Provinces.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners to require returns to be furnished to them by the proper Public Officers, and to send for and examine such persons, papers and records as they shall judge necessary for their information in the execution of the powers vested in them by this Act.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid, that no matter or thing so proposed, treated or consulted upon, shall have conclusive force and effect or be carried into execution, until the same shall have been confirmed by the Legislatures of both Provinces.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Commissioners herein above named and appointed, shall with all convenient speed report their conferences and regulations, and other matter connected, with their trust to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, and to both Houses of the Legislature of this

Province.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and maybe lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being to allow and pay to the said Commissioners, a sum of money not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, to reimburse them for the payment of the expenses which may be incurred by them in the execution of the duties assigned to them by this Act, and for the necessary writing, printing, surveys, plans and documents, which may be required for that purpose, of which expenses and disbursements a true and correct account shall be annexed to their Report. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to vacate the seat of any Member of the House of Assembly of this Province, in case any such Member should be appointed a Commissioner under the authority of this Act, any Law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appropriated, 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.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act and the powers and authorities thereby given, shall continue in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and no longer.