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Statues of Upper-Canada, Passed in the first session of the fifth provincial parliament (1809). From The Provincial Statutes of Upper-Canada: Revised, Corrected, and Republished (York, R. C. Horne, 1818.)

49 George III - Chapter 8

## An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "Act for the better regulation of certain Coins current in the Province," to equalize them to the standard weight and value of the like Coins in foe Province of Lower Canada. (Passed 9th March, 1809.)

Whereas, an Act passed in the Parliament of this Province in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of certain Coins current in this Province," which it is found expedient to alter and amend in order to equalize them to the current value of the like Coins in the Province of Lower Canada; 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 Upper 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 by the authority of the same, That so much of the first clause of the above recited Act, by which it is enacted that the value of the Milled Doubloon or Four Pistole piece of Spain, weighing seventeen pennyweights Troy, shall pass current and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever in this Province, for three pounds and fourteen shillings, and The French Louis D'or piece coined before the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, weighing five pennyweights and four grains, at one pound two shillings and six pence, and the French Pistole piece, coined before the same year, weighing four pennyweights and four grains, at eighteen shillings. Also, the second and eight clauses of the said recited Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.
II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Gold Corns hereinafter mentioned, shall pass current and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever, in this Province, at the weights and rates following, that is to say, the Milled Doubloon or Four Pistole piece of Spain, weighing seventeen pennyweights Troy, at three pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence, the French Louis D'or coined before the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, weighing five pennyweights and four grains, at one pound two shillings and eight-pence, and the French Pistole piece coined before the same year, weighing four pennyweights and four grains, at eighteen shillings and three pence, and all the higher or lower denominations of the said Gold Coins shall also pass current and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever in this Province, in the same proportions respectively.
III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for every grain which any piece of British, Portugal or American Gold Coins, shall weigh more than the standard required by the

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before-recited Acts when weighed by the single piece, there shall be allowed and added in all payments, two pence and one farthing currency, and for every grain which any piece of the same shall respectively weigh less than the standard aforesaid, there shall be allowed and deducted in all payments, two pence and one farthing currency, and for every grain which any Spanish or French Gold Coins shall respectively weigh more than the standard aforesaid, when weighed by the single piece, there shall be allowed and added in all payments two pence and one-fifth of a penny currency, and for every grain which any piece of the same shall respectively weigh less than the standard aforesaid, there shall be allowed and deducted in all payments, two pence and one fifth of a penny currency.
IV. And whereas it would be a great facility in making payments, if Gold Coin in certain cases was weighed in bulk, and not by the single piece as herein before mentioned; Be it therefore enacted by, the authority aforesaid, That every payment exceeding the sum of twenty pounds-currency, which shall be made in Gold Coin, after the passing of this Act, where one of the party making or receiving the same shall require, if such Gold shall be weighed, in bulk and not by the single piece; that is to say; the gold coin of Great Britain, Portugal and America together, and that of Spain and France together, and the gold coins of Great Britain, Portugal and America shall be computed at the rate of eighty nine Shillings currency, for each ounce Troy, according to the table hereunto annexed, marked $A$. and that of Spain and France, at the rate of eighty seven shillings and eight pence half-penny currency, for each ounce Troy, according to the table hereunto annexed marked B. and on each of such weighing, a deduction shall be made of one half of a grain Troy for each piece of Gold Coin so weighed, as a compensation to the receiver or receivers for the loss that may accrue to him, her or them in afterwards paying away the same by the single piece, which deduction shall be computed respectively at the rates aforesaid, or according to the table aforesaid, to which the description or descriptions of the Gold Coin so weighed may belong.

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