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50 George III – Chapter 6

An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty upon Billiard Tables. (Passed 12th March, 1810.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of the Province of Upper-Canada in Parliament assembled,, for the uses of this Province, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors, a Duty on Billiard Tables; therefore, 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 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 from and after the twenty-ninth day of September next, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid yearly, and every year, unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to and for the uses of this Province, and towards the support of the Civil Government thereof, of and from all and every person or persons having in his, her, or their possession, custody, or power, any Billiard Table set up for hire or gain, directly or indirectly, whether such person or persons shall use or permit the same to be used or not, the sum of forty pounds.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after the said twenty-ninth day of September next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to have in his, her, or their possession, custody, or power, any Billiard Table set up for hire or gain, directly or indirectly, unless a Licence shall have been obtained for such Billiard Table, as under mentioned:—Licence to A. B. to keep one Billiard Table, for the space of one year only from the date hereof, he having paid forty pounds, by virtue of an Act of the Provincial Parliament of the Province of Upper Canada, intituled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty a duty upon Billiard Tables," dated this ____ day of _____.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person desirous of obtaining such Licence as aforesaid, shall, on or before the twenty-ninth day of September in this present year, and on or before the twenty-ninth day of September in each and every subsequent year, deliver to the Inspector of the District, where such Billiard Table is set up and kept, a requisition in writing, in the following form :—I do hereby require- a Licence to be granted to me for keeping one Billiard Table, in the Town or Township of _____ in the County of _____ and in the District of _____ for which I am ready to pay the sum of forty pounds Provincial Currency; dated the _____ day of _____ And shall pay unto such Inspector, the sum of forty pounds, on receipt of which, the said Inspector shall deliver to the said person such Licence; and if any person or persons after the twenty-ninth day of

September next, shall have in his, her, or their possession, custody, or power, any Billiard Table set up for hire or gain, directly or indirectly, without first having obtained such Licence, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, in this Province.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such Licences to be granted for the purposes aforesaid, after the said twenty-ninth day of September next, shall be dated on the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year in which they are to be issued, and shall expire on the twenty-eighth day of September next ensuing the date thereof; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Inspector, and he is hereby authorized to receive from every person requiring such Licence, the sum of five shillings for receiving such application for a Licence, and also the sum of five shillings and no more, as his fee for issuing the same.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all monies which shall be received by the said Inspector of each District, under and by virtue of this Act, except what he shall be entitled to receive for his own benefit under the authority of the same, shall be paid by the said Inspector into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, on or before the thirty-first day of December in each and every year, to and for the uses aforesaid, and that one moiety of all fines, forfeitures, and penalties that shall be incurred under this Act, shall be immediately paid into the hands of the Receiver General, for the use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, towards the support of the Civil Government of this Province, and 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 please to direct, and the other moiety to the person who shall sue for the same.