

Provided that the Province of Upper Canada do continue to the same period, the duties imposed by the Act of 47, Geo. III. passed by the Legislature of that Province.

continued, and shall be in force to the First day of May, which will be in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and no longer. Provided always, that the Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada do continue to the same period, the Duties imposed by an Act thereof, passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to and for the use of this Province, the like Duties on Goods and Merchandize, brought into this Province from the United States of America, as are now paid on Goods and Merchandize imported from the United States of America, into the Province of Lower Canada."

## C A P VII.

An Act to establish Post-Houses in the different parts of this Province.

(17th March, 1814.)

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is necessary to make certain Regulations, by the establishment of Post Houses, for the accommodation of Travellers, and for rendering more certain the communication between the different parts of this Province, 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 aforesaid, that the Superintendent of Provincial Post Houses shall have the superintendance and direction of the Post Houses to be established in conformity to this Act, and it shall be his duty to see the same carried duly into effect.

A superintendent to have the direction of the Provincial Post Houses.

After 1st June 1814, superintendent to establish Post Houses.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of June of the present year, the said Superintendent of Provincial Post Houses shall establish Post-Houses, for the convenience and advantage of Travellers, within and between the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and between Montreal and Côteau du Lac, on the North shore of the River St. Lawrence; between Quebec and Trois Pistoles, on the South shore of the said River, and within and between the Town of William Henry and St. John's; and the said Superintendent shall also establish Post Houses in all places, where he shall be ordered so to do, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being.

III.

Superintendent to name and appoint *Maitres* and *Aides de Poste* and make regulations for the convenience of Travellers.

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*Maitres de Poste*, &c. to have a certain number of servants, horses & carriages with the necessary harness.

*Maitres* and *Aides de Poste* to furnish horses and carriages when required.

*Maitres* and *Aides de Poste* entitled to certain prices and rates for driving travellers. The prices and rates.

III. And be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Superintendent of Provincial Post-Houses, shall name and appoint persons, under the name of *Maitres* and *Aides de Postes*, to keep the said Post-Houses, for such space of time and in conformity to such stipulations, as shall be agreed upon between the said Superintendent and the said persons, for the due execution of this Act, and according to the true sense and meaning thereof, and for the greater advantage and convenience of Travellers, which time shall not nevertheless exceed the duration of this Act. Provided always, that when the Post shall drive on one side of any river only, nothing in this Act contained, shall be considered as compulsory or obligatory on the said Superintendent, to name or appoint any *Aide de Poste*, there.

IV. And be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre de Poste*, between the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, shall be provided with two able men Servants or Postillions, and shall have at least four good horses with four strong and convenient carioles and a like number of caleches, with iron *criques* or Springs and leather traces; also, four sets of good and complete harness, with two sleighs, two carts and one saddle; and every *Aide de Poste* shall be provided with one able man servant or postillion, and at least two good horses with two sets of good and complete harness, two carioles and two caleches, one sleigh and one cart; and that every *Maitre* and *Aide de Poste* between Montreal and Côteau du Lac, on the North Shore of the River St. Lawrence; between Quebec and Trois Pistoles on the South Shore of the said River, and within and between the Town of William Henry and St. Johns, and in other parts of the Province, where Post-Houses shall be established, shall be provided with, that is to say, each *Maitre de Poste* at least one able man Servant or Postillion, and two good horses, with an equal number of good and complete harness, carioles and caleches, and one sleigh and cart, and one saddle: and each *aide de Poste*, with one able man Servant or Postillion, and also, one good horse, and at least one good and complete harness, and one cariole, one caleche, one sleigh, and one cart.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre* and *Aide de Poste*, shall furnish immediately and without delay, upon being thereunto required by travellers, horses with carriages or horses with harness for the carriage or carriages of such travellers, or saddle horses; and shall not retard travellers more than a quarter of an hour in the day time, and half an hour in the night time, and shall convey the said travellers with speed, at the rate of at least two leagues an hour, to the next Post House, and shall be bound to put good and sufficient reins to each, and every horse, they shall so furnish and harness to such carriage or carriages.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre* and *Aide de Poste* may demand and receive from each traveller, for every league or in proportion for every part of a league, that he shall convey such traveller, the different prices and rates which follow, that is to say, for the hire of a horse and caleche, or a horse and cariole or of a horse, with the harness to put to the caleche or cariole of such traveller, for one person, the sum of One Shilling and three pence current money of this Province; for two persons, the sum of One Shilling and eight pence, like money, for every additional horse that any traveller or travellers shall require

require to be added to the carriage, the sum of Four pence, like money; for every saddle horse, the sum of Ten pence, like money; for every horse with a sleigh or cart, or for every horse with the harness to be put to the sleigh or cart of any traveller or travellers, be it for travelling or conveying baggage, not weighing more than six hundred pounds, the sum of One Shilling and three pence, like money; for every additional horse to the said sleigh or cart, with baggage not weighing more than one thousand pounds, the sum of Four pence, like money; and all persons who shall travel with their own carriage covered or half covered, are required to take two horses to drive the said covered or half covered carriage, shall pay, over and above the rates and prices herein before fixed, the sum of Two pence, like money, in augmentation for every league, or in proportion for every part of a league, as aforesaid: and that every *Maître* or *Aide de Poste* who shall be required to furnish a covered or half covered carriage, and who shall furnish the same, shall receive Three pence, like money, in augmentation for every league or in proportion for every part of a league; and every traveller may take and carry with him, the following quantity of baggage, that is to say, one traveller, one hundred and twenty pounds weight, and two travellers sixty pounds weight between them, without paying any thing extra therefor: and the *Maîtres* and *Aides de Poste* of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal and Town of Three Rivers, shall receive Three Shillings, like money, over and above the rates herein before mentioned, and those who shall convey travellers into the said Cities and Town, shall receive an allowance of Two Shillings, like money, over and above the rates herein before mentioned.

Penalty on Persons driving travellers not being *Maîtres* or *Aides de Poste*.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person or persons, not being *Maîtres*, *Aides de Poste*, or called upon by the *Maître* or *Aide de Poste*, not being Masters of any of the Stages now established, or hereafter to be established, and residing on the post roads, who shall furnish any carriage or carriages, other than carts, sleighs or *traineaux*, and saddle horses for gain or profit, to any traveller or travellers, who are not inhabitants of or dwelling in the Parish where such persons reside, for the purpose of conveying such traveller or travellers on the Post Roads, shall incur, for every such offence, a Penalty which shall not exceed Forty Shillings, nor be less than Twenty Shillings, current money of this Province. Provided always, that this shall not in any wise extend to prevent or restrain the transport of Troops, Militia men and effects belonging to Government as provided by Law, and that when such traveller or travellers shall stop on the road, and shall be conveyed in his or their carriage, or by a carriage of the Parish, where he is a resident, to any house, not being a Post-House, it shall and may be lawful for any person to convey the said traveller or travellers in a carriage to the nearest Post-House, where they may find relays, without incurring the aforesaid Penalty. Provided also, that nothing contained in this Act, shall extend to prevent the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, by all and every person or persons who may be employed for that purpose, in any part of the Province, by the Deputy Post Master of North America, or by such other person who shall be duly authorized to execute such duty, by the Post Master General or Directors General of the Posts in that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, called England.

Exception.

Nothing to prevent the conveyance of His Majesty's mails, by any persons employed by the Deputy Post Master.

Travellers may detain on the road horses & carriages furnished them, a certain time, after which *Maitres & Aides de Poste* allowed an indemnity.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for any traveller to stop and detain on the road, from one Post-House to another, any horse or carriage which shall be furnished him by the said *Maitres and Aides de Poste*, for the space of one quarter of an hour, and not more, without paying any thing for such stoppage or detention; and for all other delays which shall not nevertheless exceed an hour in the whole, there shall be paid by the traveller to the *Maitre or Aide de Poste* for each horse or carriage thus stopped and detained, an indemnity of Three pence, current money of this Province, for every quarter of an hour, over and above the rates herein before established.

Penalty on *Maitres & Aides de Poste* driving beyond the limits of their Posts.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no *Maitre or Aide de Poste* shall on any pretence pass with his carriage the limits of his Post, without the consent of every *Maitre or Aide de Poste* whose Posts he wishes to pass, under Penalty of Twenty Shillings, currency, and also of paying to every such *Maitre or Aide de Poste* whose Post House he shall so pass, the fare such *Maitre or Aide de Poste* would have been entitled to receive according to the rates allowed by law for such Post so passed. Provided always, that whenever it happens that all the horses and carriages of the *Maitres or Aides de Poste* are employed or absent from their different Posts, in such case, all *Maitres or Aides de Poste* are hereby authorized and required to pass the limits of their Posts, at the request of the traveller, without being held to pay the said neighbouring *Maitre or Aide de Poste*, what he would otherwise have been entitled to receive for the said Post, and also, without incurring the said Penalty.

Proviso.

*Maitres & Aides de Poste* to fix up to public view a Table of rates &c.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all *Maitres and Aides de Poste* shall fix up to public view in their houses, a Table of the Rates allowed them by Law, and of the extent of their stages, particularising the number of leagues and the proportions and parts of a league, over and above a league or any number of leagues of which such stage shall consist, and to renew it, every year, and every time it may be requisite, and also, to put up and renew, when necessary, a conspicuous sign or inscription, in order that their houses may be perceived at a distance, and they shall also keep up and renew the league posts, and the inscriptions, for marking the distances thereon.

Penalty on persons destroying or defacing League Posts.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall wilfully destroy, pull up or injure any league post, that is or shall be placed to mark the distances upon Post Roads, every such person, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than Twenty Shillings, nor more than Forty Shillings, current money of this Province, and in default of payment, shall be committed to the Common Gaol of their District, respectively, for a space of time not exceeding Twenty days.

*Maitres & Aides de Poste* &c. exempted from serving in the Militia except in certain cases.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre de Poste* and two Servant men, or Postillions, and every *Aide de Poste* and one Servant man or Postillion, shall be exempted from serving personally or by substitute in the Militia, except in case of actual invasion of the Province or insurrection, and they shall

One Engagé exempted in certain cases.

shall be also exempted from transporting Government effects, from lodging troops, and from serving as Inspectors or Overseers of the Roads, any thing to the contrary hereof in this behalf notwithstanding. Provided, that nothing herein contained, shall exempt or be construed to exempt any more than one engagé or postillion where the *Maitre* or *Aide de Poste* by Law is required to have but one engagé or postillion.

Regulations respecting ferry-men.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every Ferry-man or persons keeping Ferries on the Post-roads, shall be provided with such good and sufficient Ferry-Boats, Batteaux, Canoes and Scows as may be necessary for the safety, ease and convenience of persons travelling as aforesaid, and, the persons keeping such Ferries shall not on any pretence, detain any traveller, under the Penalty of Ten Shillings, current money of this Province, for each and every detention, nor shall any such person or persons keeping such Ferry-Boats, Batteaux, Canoes or Scows, be under any obligation after the passing of this Act, to carry or convey or procure to be carried or conveyed, the portmanteau, trunk or other baggage or effects of every traveller or travellers in any manner, or to any distance whatsoever, save and except over or across the water communication to the spot or place, where the calsche, cariole or other carriage shall take up such passenger, or as near thereto as may be; but such person so keeping such Ferry-Boat, Batteau, Canoe or Scow, shall be responsible for the safe custody and keeping of such portmanteau, trunk or other baggage or effects, in the said Ferry-Boat, Batteau, Canoe or Scow, till the arrival of the calsche, cariole or other carriage to take up the same. Provided, such arrival shall be not more than half an hour, after the landing of such passenger or passengers; on the banks of the said river, over which he or they shall be so conveyed, any former Rule, Order or Regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Duty of the Superintendent.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Provincial Post-Houses, to make an annual Circuit, between the first day of May, and the first day of August, in the different parts of this Province where Post-Houses shall be established, and to inform himself, whether this Act is duly executed, and to give such orders and directions as may tend to promote its execution, according to the true sense and meaning thereof; and also, to keep a Register of all the Orders and directions which he may have given to the *Maitres* and *Aides de Poste*, of his agreements with them, of his Circuits, and of the state and condition of the Post-Houses, Batteaux, Scows, Canoes and other Boats employed at the Ferries on the Post-roads, and of which he shall transmit, annually, an extract, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being.

Superintendent to give the distances between the Post-Houses.

XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Superintendent of the Provincial Post-Houses shall ascertain and give the distances between each Post-House, and if the said *Maitres* or *Aides de Poste* think that the distance so ascertained by the Superintendent, is not exact, they may cause it to be verified by a sworn Surveyor at their own expence.

XVI.

*Maitres & Aides de Poste* to fix on their carriages portmanteaux of travellers.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of all and every *Maitre* or *Aide de Poste*, to take charge of and securely flow and fix or cause to be taken charge of and securely stowed and fixed, on or in their respective carriages, the portmanteaus, trunks, bundles or baggage of all and every traveller, under a Penalty of Ten Shillings, current money of this Province, for every neglect, besides being liable for the damage that may arise by such neglect or by the neglect of their men-servants or drivers, glass and earthen ware, excepted.

Duty of the *Maitres de Poste*, &c. carrying with passengers into certain towns and on their departure, from the same.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all persons keeping Post-Houses shall, on arriving at the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Towns of Three Rivers and William Henry, conduct in their carioles or caleches each traveller to the particular part of the City or Town indicated by him, and in departing from any of those places, shall take up and receive into their carioles or caleches, each of the travellers they are to conduct, at the particular part of the City or Town indicated by him.

Certain Fines for offences, where none have been specially imposed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre* or *Aide de Poste*, Ferry-man and others, who shall offend against this Act, in any matter or thing for the transgression of which a penalty is not herein specially imposed, shall incur and pay for every such offence, a Fine not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and which shall not be less than Ten Shillings, current money of this Province: and all penalties and Fines hereby imposed for offences against this Act, shall be levied by seizure and sale of the Goods and Chattels of the offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Provincial Judge in his Circuit, or of any Justice of the Peace of the District or Precinct wherein such offence, negligence or default shall have taken place; rendering an account of the surplus of such seizure, if any there be, to the party or parties, after having deducted the expences which shall result therefrom: which Warrant such Provincial Judge or Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required to issue, on complaint or information to him made or given on conviction of the offender, or on the oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnessesses, (other than the informer,) and the Penalties and Fines when thus levied, shall be paid one half to the informer, and the other half shall appertain to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, except when the said Superintendent shall be the informer; in which case, the whole of the said Fine shall belong to His Majesty, and all monies arising from this Act by Fines or otherwise which shall appertain to His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall be paid to the Receiver General of this Province, for the support of the Government thereof, 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 direct. Provided always, that no suit or action shall be brought or commenced unless it be within six months after the matter or thing done and committed, and not afterwards. And Provided also, that the Superintendent of Provincial Post Houses shall be admitted as a competent Witness in all matters relating to the execution of this Act, though the action be at his suit, or that he be the prosecutor or informer for any offence, negligence or default against the same.

Limitation of actions.

Superintendent a competent witness.

Continuance of  
this act.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and continue to be in force until the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and no longer.

## C A P. VIII.

An Act to exempt Salt imported for the use of the Fisheries in this Province, from the payment of certain duties imposed thereon, and for other purposes.

(17th March, 1814.)

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that every encouragement should be given to the Fisheries of this Province, and whereas the duty imposed on Salt by an Act of the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act to grant certain additional duties towards supplying the wants of the Province," has been found injurious to the said Fisheries; and therefore it is expedient that all Salt imported into this Province for the use of the said Fisheries should be exempted from the payment of the said Duty in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations, set forth and contained in the Act of the Provincial Parliament, passed in the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and that the amount of the Duties collected and paid upon Salt so imported as aforesaid, under and by virtue of the said first above recited Act, should be refunded and paid back to the importer or importers thereof: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, if any Salt shall be landed in any part of this Province, beyond and below the East Bank of the River Saguenay on the North Shore, and the East Bank of the River of Great Mittis on the South Shore of the River Saint Laurence, no duty shall be charged or payable thereon, any thing in the above recited Act of the last Session of the Provincial Parliament contained, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Salt exempted  
from duty within  
certain limits.

Officers of the  
Customs at Gaspé  
and Bay of Cha-  
leur. to refund  
the duties levied  
under the former  
Act.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, at the Out-Ports of Gaspé and the Bay of Chaleur, and they are thereby required, out of the Duties, which shall be by them received, under and by virtue of the said Act of the last Session of the Pro-

vincia