

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of Lower Canada passed in the year 1795. Quebec: William Vondenvelden, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1795.

35 George III – Chapter 3

An Act to ratify, approve and confirm the provisional agreement, entered into by the Commissioners on behalf of this Province, with the Commissioners on behalf of the province of Upper-Canada.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas articles of provisional agreement were made and entered into at Montreal, the eighteenth day of February in the thirty-fifth year of your Majesty's Reign, by the Commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of the province of Lower-Canada, by Act of the Legislature thereof, passed in the thirty-fourth year of your Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners on behalf of the province of Upper-Canada for the purposes therein mentioned,*" and the Commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of the province of Upper Canada, in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature thereof, passed in the thirty-third year of your Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purpose herein mentioned:*" which articles follow.

Article I. That the province of Lower Canada shall be and hereby is made accountable to the province of Upper Canada, in full of all rights, claims and demands which the said province of Upper Canada may have on the province of Lower Canada by reason of the duties levied upon wines in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, under an Act of the Legislature of Lower-Canada, passed in the thirty third year of his Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act to established a fund for paying the salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and Assembly, and for defraying the contingent expenses thereof,*" in the sum of three hundred and thirty-three pounds four shilling and two pence currency; which said sum shall be paid into the hands of such person or persons as may be appointed on the part of Upper-Canada to receive the same.

Art. II. That the Legislature of Upper-Canada will not impose any duties whatsoever on any goods, wares or merchandise imported into Lower-Canada and passing into Upper-Canada but will allow and admit the Legislature of Lower-Canada to impose and levy such reasonable duties on such goods, wares and merchandise aforesaid, as they may judge expedient for the purpose of raising a revenue within the Province of Lower Canada.

Art. III. That of such duties as the Legislature of Lower-Canada has already imposed or may hereafter impose on goods, wares and merchandise coming into the province of Lower-Canada, the province of Upper-Canada shall be entitled to receive annually, and to dispose of one eighth part of their Net produce for the use and benefit of the said province of Upper-Canada, the other seven eighths remaining for the use of Lower-Canada.

35 George III – Chapter 3

Art. IV. That there shall annually in the month of December, or as soon afterwards as possible be furnished to the Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the province of Upper-Canada for the time being, duplicates of the accounts of all duties that now are or hereafter may be imposed by the Legislature of Lower-Canada.

Art. V. That this agreement is to continue and be in force until the last day of December, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and no longer. May it therefore please your most excellent 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 by the authority of the same. That all and every the said articles of provisional agreement herein before particularly mentioned and inserted, and every clause, matter and thing in the said articles contained, shall be, and the said articles are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

II. Provided always and it is hereby enacted, by the same authority, that the herein before mentioned and inserted articles, shall be no ways binding or obligatory on this Province, until the said articles be ratified, approved and confirmed by the Legislature of the Province of Upper-Canada.