

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 7

An Act to amend and make perpetual an Act passed in the twentieth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep Horses and Carriages to let and hire for the accommodation of travellers commonly called by the name of Maîtres de Poste.*"

Whereas an Act or Ordinance was passed in the twentieth year of his Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep Horses and Carriages to let and hire, for the accommodation of travellers, commonly called and known by the name of Maytres de Poste,*" which has been continued from time to time by several subsequent Acts or Ordinances of the former Legislature of this Province, and which by an Act of the present Legislature passed in the thirty-third year of his Majesty's reign, was further continued until the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five. And whereas the said Act or Ordinance having by experience been found useful and beneficial to the public, it is expedient that provision should be made to make the same perpetual with some amendments; 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 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 said Act or Ordinance passed in the twentieth year of his Majesty's reign, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, shall be, and is hereby made perpetual; and if the same shall have expired before the passing of this Act, the said Act or Ordinance shall be, and is hereby revived and made perpetual.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in the aforesaid Act or Ordinance contained, shall be construed to extend to oblige any Maître de Poste, or assistant known by the name of Aide de Poste, to furnish a horse or horses to any person or persons brought to his stage by other horses than post horses, or by a horse or horses belonging to the traveller or travellers who may demand a relay.

III. Provided always and it is hereby enacted, that a Maître de Poste and one assistant known by the name of Aide de Poste, for each post-house, and no more, shall in virtue of the aforesaid Act or Ordinance being made perpetual, be exempted from serving personally or by substitute in the militia, any thing in the aforesaid Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the superintendant of the provincial post-houses or of any other person who may be appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government, to make a circuit in the month of May in every year through the different parts of this Province where post roads are

established, and to survey and inspect the different ferries on the said roads, as also the state and condition of the battoes [batteau], flat boats, commonly called Bacs, canoes and other conveyances employed at the said ferries for the purpose of conveying travellers, horses, cattle and carriages over the said rivers, and to report his opinion thereupon to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government, and also to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the general Quarter Sessions to be by them respectively held in the different districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers in the month of July in every year, in order that the said Justices of the Peace may thereupon frame such rules and regulations as by law they are authorized to make for the better regulating such ferries, and for providing fit and convenient battoes, boats and canoes at the same.