

Treblic costs.

sued, or discontinue his or her action or suit after the defendant or defendants shall have appeared, or if judgment shall be given against the plaintiff or plaintiffs, the defendant or defendants shall have treble costs, and have the like remedy for the same as the defendant or defendants hath or have in other cases to recover costs by law.

C. A. P. VII.

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 Maitres de Poste.*"

Preamble.

Act or Ordinance
of 20. Geo. III.
chap. IV. made
perpetual.

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 Maitres 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 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 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.

Maitres de Poste
&c. to furnish
horses only to
such persons as
are brought by
post horses.

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 *Maitre 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.

Maitres de Poste
exempted from
the Militia.

III. Provided always and it is hereby enacted, that a *Maitre 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.

Superintendent
annually to make
a circuit.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the superintendent 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, flat boats, commonly called *Bacs*, canoes and other conveyances employed at the said ferries

And to report
his opinion.

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.

C A P. VIII.

An ACT for granting to his Majesty Duties on Licences to hawkers, pedlars and petty chapmen, and for regulating their trade; and for granting additional Duties on licences to persons for keeping houses of public entertainment, or for retailing wine, brandy, rum or other spirituous liquors in this Province, and for regulating the same; and for repealing the Act or Ordinance therein mentioned.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Representatives of your people of the province of Lower-Canada in Legislature assembled, towards raising the Supplies which we have freely and voluntarily granted to your Majesty in this Session of the Legislature, have resolved to give and grant unto your Majesty the several new and additional Rates and Duties upon licences herein after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech your 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 House of 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 there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid unto and for the use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors the several and respective Duties herein after mentioned for and upon the several and respective licences, to be taken out in manner and by the persons herein after mentioned, that is to say, on or before the fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, there shall be taken out a licence by every hawker, pedlar, petty chapman, and every trading person or persons going from town to town or to other men's houses, and travelling either on foot, or with horse or horses or otherwise within this Province, carrying to sell or exposing to sale any goods, wares or merchandizes, for which licence there shall be paid the sum of two pounds current money of this Province at the time such licence shall be taken out; and on or before the said fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, there shall be paid by every person or persons who shall take out a licence for keeping a house or any other place of public entertainment, or for retailing wine, brandy, rum or other spirituous liquors within this Province, in a less quantity than three gallons at one time, under the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-eight, the sum of two pounds current money of this Province, over and above the Duty now payable by him, her or them for such licence under the said Act of Parliament, and such additional sum shall be paid before the delivery of such licence. Provided always that

After the 5th of
April 1795, every
hawker, &c. to
pay a duty of
two pounds and
retailers of wine,
&c. the like
sum.

Provided,