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An Act for appointing Commissioners on behalf of this Province to treat further with Commissioners on behalf of the Province of Upper-Canada for the purposes therein mentioned. [7th May, 1796.]

Whereas An Act was past by the Legislature of this Province in the thirty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "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." And whereas the said articles of agreement therein ratified, approved and confirmed, will cease to have force and effect after the last day of December one thousand, seven hundred and ninety six, therefore, we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of your People of the Province of Lower-Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, having taken the same into our serious consideration, and being anxious that further provision be made for establishing regulations founded upon justice and liberality, for the intercourse between Provinces of the same Empire, so intimately connected in point of safety and interest, do 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 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 James McGill, François Malhiot, John Richardson, Joseph Papineau and James Walker, Esquires, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners on the part of the Province, who, or any three of whom, are authorised and empowered to meet, treat, consult and agree with such Commissioners, as may be appointed on the part of the Province of Upper-Canada, of and concerning the establishing of regulations for the collection of duties or payment of Drawbacks, imposed or allowed, or that may be imposed or allowed by the Legislature of each Province respectively on goods, wares and merchandise passing from one Province into the other, and also of and concerning any proportion to be received or to be paid of any duties already imposed, or that hereafter may be imposed, by the said Legislatures respectively, on any article or Commodity passing from one Province into the other, to be consumed therein, and of and concerning any regulations, provisions, matters and things, which may regard the Commerce, Manufactures or produce of the said Provinces, or which may affect the interests thereof in respect to each other.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, to require returns to be furnished to them by the proper Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and to fend for and examine such persons, papers and Records, as they shall judge necessary for their information, in the execution of the powers vested in the said Commissioners by this Act.

III. Provided always and be it enacted, that no regulation, provision, matter or thing so proposed, treated, consulted or agreed, shall have conclusive force and effect, or be carried into execution until the same shall have been confirmed by the Legislature of the Province.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall, from time to time with all convenient speed, lay the substance of their conferences and consultations, with the agreements by them entered into, before His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, and both Houses of the Provincial Parliament of this Province.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of July, which we will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and no longer.