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39 George III – Chapter 4

**An Act to ratify, approve and confirm, certain additional Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the Respective Commissioners of this Province and the Province of Upper Canada, on the eleventh day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. [3d. June, 1799.]**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas provisional articles of Agreement were entered into on the twenty eighth day of January, in the thirty seventh year of Your Majesty's Reign, by Commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of this Province, to treat with Commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of the Province of Upper Canada, which said Articles of Agreement were ratified and confirmed by An Act of the Legislature of this Province passed also in the thirty seventh year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to ratify, Approve and Confirm certain Provisional Articles of Agreement, entered into by the Respective Commissioners of this Province and Upper Canada, at Montreal, on the twenty eighth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, relative to Duties and for carrying the same into effect," which said Articles of Agreement, have not hitherto been ratified, approved and confirmed by the Legislature of Upper Canada; And whereas, another Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province in the thirty-eighth year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal An Act passed in the thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty and for appointing other Commissioners on behalf of this Province, to treat with Commissioners, on behalf of the Province of Upper Canada and for the Purposes therein mentioned," in virtue whereof Additional Provisional Articles of Agreement were made and entered into at Montreal, on the eleventh day of February, in the thirty ninth year of Your Majesty's Reign, by a competent number of the Commissioners thereby nominated and appointed, and the Commissioners nominated and appointed, on behalf of the Province of Upper Canada, under Authority of An Act passed by the Legislature of that Province, in the thirty seventh year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purposes therein named;" which Additional Articles follow:

Article I. "That the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada, may ratify the aforesaid Provisional Agreement, with a condition, suspending the operation and execution of the sixth Article thereof, so long as the Government of the United States of America does not levy Duties on Goods Wares and Merchandizes passing from the Province of Upper-Canada, into the Territory of the said States."

ART. II. "That the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, will allow and pay to the Province of Upper-Canada, such just proportion of the Duties imposed and levied by the Legislature of Lower Canada as the aforesaid province of Upper-Canada would have had a right to Claim, if the aforesaid Articles of Agreement had been ratified and confirmed, by the Legislature of the Province of Upper-Canada."

ART. III. "That this agreement shall continue and be in force until the first day of March, in the Year one thousand eight hundred and one, and no longer.

May it therefore please 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 of 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 all and every the said Additional Articles of Agreement herein before mentioned and inserted, shall be and the same are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that neither the before mentioned Articles of Agreement, made on the twenty eighth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, nor the Additional Articles of Agreement in this Act mentioned and inserted, shall be binding or obligatory on this Province, towards the Province of Upper Canada, until the Articles of Agreement made on the twenty eighth day of January as aforesaid, shall be ratified, approved and confirmed by the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada, subject to the alterations and modifications stated and set forth in the Additional Articles of Agreement, made on the eleventh day of February, herein before mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue to be in force to the first day of March, in the Year one thousand eight hundred and one, and no longer.