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40 George III – Chapter 4

An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by the Province of Upper-Canada for the purposes therein mentioned. (29th May, 1800.)

Whereas an Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province in the thirty ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "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," which Articles of Agreement will expire on the first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one; and whereas it is necessary that other Commissioners be appointed to treat with such Commissioners as are or may be nominated and appointed on behalf of the Province of Upper Canada: Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and content 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 the Honorable James M'Gill, Joseph Papineau, John Richardson, Joseph Perinault, and the Honorable John Lees, Louis Charles Foucher, Thomas Coffin and Maurice Blondeau, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners on the part of this Province, who or any three of whom, are authorised and impowered to meet, treat, consult and agree with such Commissioners as are or 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 to be imposed or allowed by the Legislature of each Province respectively, on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes 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 hereafter to be imposed.

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 juge necessary for their information, in the execution of the powers veiled in the said Comissioners by this Act.

III. Provided always and be it enacted and declared, that no regulation, Provision, matter or thing so proposed, treated, consulted or agreed on, shall have conclusive force and effect, or

be carried into execution, until the same shall have been confirmed by the Legislature of this Province.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall, 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 Legislature of this Province.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act Shall continue in force until the first day of March, which will be in, the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament and no longer.