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44 George III – Chapter 10

An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed on the part of Upper-Canada, for the purposes therein mentioned. (2d. May, 1804.)

Whereas an Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to ratify and confirm certain Provisional Articles of agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of Upper Canada, at Quebec on the second day of February on thousand eight hundred and one, relative to duties, and for carrying the same into effect, And also to continue an Act passed in the thirty seventh year of His Majesty's Reign;" which articles of agreement will expire on the first day of March which will be in the year of Our Lord on thousand eight hundred and five; 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 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 the Honorable James M'Gil and John Lees, John Richardson, Joseph Papineau, Joseph Périnault, Maurice Blondeau, Louis Guy, fils and Samuel Gerrard, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners on the part of this Province, who or any three of whom are authorized and empowered 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 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 Officer of His Majesty's Customs, and to send 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 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 five, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.