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45 George III – Chapter 2

**An Act to ratify and confirm the Provisional Articles of Agreement entered into by the respective Commissioners of this Province and of Upper Canada, at Montreal, on the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and four, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect: and also further to continue an Act passed in the thirty seventh year of his Majesty's Reign. (25th March, 1805.)**

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas a provisional Agreement was made and entered into at Montreal, on the fifth day of July in the forty fourth year of your Majesty's Reign, by the Commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of the Province of Lower Canada, by an Act of the Provincial Parliament thereof, passed in the forty fourth year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "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," and the Commissioners nominated and appointed, on behalf of the Province of Upper Canada, by his Excellency, Peter Hunter, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the said Province, by Commission bearing date the twenty second day of March in the forty fourth year of Your Majesty's Reign, in the pursuance of and under the authority of an Act passed in the thirty seventh year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned," which agreement is as follows:

The said Commissioners having met and communicated to each other their respective powers, and authorities, and having taken into consideration and maturely deliberated upon the objects of their appointments, and finding that no material alteration hath taken place, in the relative situation of the two provinces, so as to require any change in the existing provisions for ascertaining the respective proportions of Duties and Allowance of Drawbacks on articles imported at the Port of Quebec, or otherwise: it is unanimously agreed, that the Articles of Agreement at present subsisting between the two Provinces be further continued, and be in force, as if they were here particularly inserted, until the first day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine. May it therefore please Your most Excellent 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 by the authority of the same, that all and every part of the said Provincial Agreement herein before particularly inserted, be ratified, approved and confirmed, and the same is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed accordingly.

II. And whereas an Act was passed in the thirty seventh year of Your 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 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 Act was continued to the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and one, and the said Act was by another Act passed in the forty first year of Your Majesty's Reign, renewed and continued to the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and five; and it being expedient and necessary in pursuance of the herein before inserted provisional Agreement, that the said Act passed in the thirty seventh year of Your Majesty's Reign, should be further continued, Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every Clause, Obligation, Penalty, Fine, Forfeiture, Matter and Thing in the said Act contained, and in the Provisional Articles of Agreement therein inserted, be continued, and the same and every part thereof, is and are hereby continued accordingly, and shall have the same effect, force and validity for and during the term of this Act, as if the same were wherein particularly repeated and set forth.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall have force and effect, from the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and five, and shall continue to be in force to the first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and no longer.