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**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. (8th March, 1817.)**

Whereas by an Act of the Provincial Parliament, made and passed in the thirty-seventh year of His 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 January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, relative to Duties, and for carrying the same into effect," certain provisional Articles of Agreement, or Commercial Regulations, made and agreed upon between the Commissioners previously appointed to that intent, by Acts of the Legislatures of the Province of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, were confirmed and enacted; which said provisional Articles of Agreement, or Commercial Regulations, with other provisional Articles of Agreement, made and entered into at Quebec, on the second day of February, in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, pursuant to like Acts of the Legislatures of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, by an Act passed 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, one 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," were further enacted, and continued until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and five; and from thence by other subsequent Acts, until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, when the same did expire. 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 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 John Davidson, Samuel Sherwood, Thomas McCord, Austin Cavillier, and Dennis Benjamin Viger, 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 the Duties, or payment of drawbacks, to be imposed or allowed by the Legislature of each Province respectively, on goods, wares, and merchandize 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 officers 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 further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid, 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 of this Province for the time being, 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 May, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and no longer.