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1 George IV – Chapter 9

An Act for appointing Commissioners to treat with Commissioners appointed or to be appointed on the part of the Province of Upper-Canada, for the purposes therein-mentioned. (17th March, 1821.)

Whereas it is expedient that Commissioners be appointed to treat with such Commissioners as are or may hereafter be appointed on the behalf of the Province of Upper-Canada, concerning the establishing of regulations for the collection of Duties or payment of Drawbacks upon Merchandize passing through this Province into 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 the Honourable Louis Joseph Papineau, and Austin Cuvillier, John Davidson, John Neilson and George Garden, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners on the part of this Province; who or any three of them are authorized and empowered to meet, treat, consult and agree with such Commissioners as are or hereafter 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 the 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 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 them 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 Commissioners herein-above named and appointed, 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 and the powers and authorities thereby given, shall continue in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and no longer.