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C H A P. XII.

An ACT to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor to nominate and appoint certain Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS from the local situation of this province it appears to be altogether impracticable to carry into effect that part of the provincial agreement entered into at Montreal, the twenty-eighth day of January last, between the commissioners in behalf of this province, and the commissioners of the province of Lower-Canada, which relates to the imposing of duties on articles coming into this province from the United States of America, and to the taking of measures for enforcing the collection of such duties; and from this circumstance the agreement so entered into as aforesaid may become void and of no effect; and whereas it is expedient that arrangements should take place between this province and the province of Lower Canada, respecting the imposing of duties, and allowing of drawbacks on goods passing from one province into the other, and of and concerning any regulations, provisions, matters and things which might regard the commerce, manufactures or produce of the said province, Be it therefore 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 Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled "An act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "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 it shall and may be lawful for the governor, lieutenant-governor, or person administering his Majesty's government in this province, from time to time by letters patent, under the great seal of the province, to commission, authorize, and empower three able and discreet persons, two of whom shall be a quorum, to treat, consult, and agree with the persons to be duly authorized for that purpose by a power to be granted by an act of the legislature of his Majesty's province of Lower-Canada, of and concerning the establishing such regulations as may regard the collection of duties, or payment of drawbacks, to be imposed or allowed on goods passing from one province into the other, by the legislature of each province respectively; and of and concerning any proportions to be received and paid of any equal duties already imposed, or hereafter to be imposed, by the said legislatures respectively, on any article or commodity passing from one province into the other; and of and concerning any regulations, provisions, matters and things which may regard the commerce, manufactures or produce of the said province.

Preamble.

Governor to appoint three commissioners.

II. *Provided always, and be it enacted and declared,* That no regulation, provision, matter or thing so proposed, treated, consulted, or agreed, shall have any other force or effect, or be carried any further into execution until the same shall have been confirmed by the legislature of this province.

Their agreement invalid until confirmed by the legislature.