

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1816. York: R. C. Horne, 1816.

56 George III – Chapter 37

**An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of Money, and to Provide for the Appointment of a Provincial Agent for this Province. Passed 1st April, 1816.**

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas, it is expedient for the Welfare of this Province, that a Provincial Agent should reside in England, having access to your Majesty's Government there, whose duty it may be to solicit and explain the Interests of this Colony, as well in its relations with the United Kingdom as with the Sister Province of Lower Canada and others, your Majesty's Colonies, We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beseech your 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 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, to nominate and appoint a sufficient Person as an Agent on behalf of this Province, to reside at the Seat of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain, which Agent shall and is hereby entitled to receive the yearly Salary of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, which salary of five hundred pounds sterling, shall be paid by the Receiver-General of this Province, from and out of our fund or funds, which now are or which may hereafter come into his hands to and for the public uses of this Province, and unappropriated, in discharge of such Warrant or Warrants, as shall for that purpose, half yearly be issued by the Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall be graciously pleased to direct.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the tenor of the office of Provincial Agent shall be during good behaviour, and that it shall not be lawful to remove him therefrom excepting on the joint address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly respectively, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when and so often as the Legislative Council and House of Assembly respectively as aforesaid, shall concur in an address to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, and shall request him to remove the said Agent from office, the said Agent shall be, and he is hereby

removed and shall not be entitled to receive any emolument or salary from this Province, from and after the Official notification thereof, to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases of vacancies in the said Office, occasioned either by the death or removal of any Agent who shall or may be appointed under the authority of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint a proper Person to fill the same, who shall be, and he is hereby authorized and entitled to receive the same annual salary, as was enjoyed by his predecessor in office, which annual salary shall be paid in like manner as is already provided for in this Act.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases of appointment or removal, the same shall be officially notified in the Government Gazette of this Province, and to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly thereof, if in Session at the time.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of such Agent to correspond officially, as well with the Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, as with the Speakers of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly thereof respectively, on all matters relative to this Province, to solicit the passing or repeal of acts affecting this Province, the enacting of regulations respecting the commercial interests thereof, and generally to perform all the duties incidental or appertaining to the office of Provincial Agent, from any other of His Majesty's Colonies in North America or the West Indies.