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An Act to exempt certain Vessels from the duty imposed by the Act to provide for the Medical Treatment of Sick Mariners.

[Assented to 14th June, 1853.]

Preamble.

Act of L. C.
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WHEREAS the duty imposed by the Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada, passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled, *An Act to provide for the Medical Treatment of Sick Mariners*, for the purpose of creating a fund for defraying the expense of the Medical care and attendance of sick Sailors and Mariners, bears unjustly on the Owners and Masters of Vessels belonging to this Province and trading between either of the Ports of Quebec and Montreal and the other Ports in British North America, inasmuch as neither they nor the Seamen in their employ on board of such Vessels, derive any benefit from the said Act, which was more especially intended for the advantage of sick Sailors and Mariners arriving from Ports beyond the limits of British North America, and who are generally strangers in this Province, and it is therefore expedient to exempt such Vessels from the said duty: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Vessel of the burthen of two hundred tons or less, belonging to any party in this Province, and trading between either of the said Ports of Quebec and Montreal and any other Port in British North America, shall be subject to the payment of the duty of one penny currency per ton imposed in and by the Act cited in the preamble to this Act, on Vessels arriving in either of the said Ports of Quebec and Montreal, from any Port out of the limits of this Province; any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.