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&c., in hands
of *bonâ fide*
holder.

the full amount thereof, notwithstanding it may have been or may be negotiated by such Corporation at a rate less than par, or at a rate of interest greater than six per centum per annum, and shall not be liable to be impeached in the hands of a *bonâ fide* holder for value, without notice.

C A P. L X X X I.

An Act to ratify certain things done under the Act to confirm the Reciprocity Treaty, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

Preamble.

18 V. c. 1.

WHEREAS by two Orders in Council bearing date respectively the eighteenth day of October and the sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, made for the purpose of carrying into effect, according to their true intent, the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for giving effect on the part of this Province to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America*, and the Treaty in the said Act referred to,—it was ordered, that goods which under the said Act would come into this Province free of duty when the said Treaty was in full operation, might be at once admitted in certain cases, on special Bonds and without payment of the duties in cash, with an intimation that if the said Treaty came into operation within six months thereafter, the said Bonds should be cancelled and any duties paid should be remitted; And whereas the said Treaty did so come into operation within six months as aforesaid: 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, as follows:

Bonds and duties mentioned in the Preamble may be cancelled and remitted.

I. The Bonds given in the case mentioned in the Preamble shall be cancelled, and the duties paid shall be remitted and returned; and if any such Bonds have been already so cancelled or any such duties so remitted and returned, the same shall be held to have been legally cancelled, remitted or returned, and all parties engaged in cancelling, remitting or returning the same, are hereby indemnified.

18 V. c. 5.
Duty declared payable on the over-

II. And for the removal of doubts under the Schedule to the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act imposing Duties of Customs*—Be it declared and enacted, that the duty made payable by the said Act and Schedule on each gallon of Rum, Whiskey, Brandy

Brandy, or of Geneva or Gin or other spirits or strong waters not being Whiskey, Rum or Brandy, is and shall be payable (as the duties repealed by the said Act were) for every gallon thereof of any strength not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof.

proof of spirits.

C A P . L X X X I I .

An Act to legalize certain grants from the Municipalities of this Province towards the Patriotic Fund.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

WHEREAS doubts exist as to the right of Municipal Councils in this Province to make grants of moneys for other than strictly local purposes; And whereas, actuated by a spirit of commendable patriotism, several of the said Municipal Councils have contributed to the aid of the Fund commonly called "The Patriotic Fund," while others, apprehensive that such appropriation of their funds was illegal, have reluctantly refrained from gratifying so praiseworthy a disposition; And whereas it is expedient and right to remove all doubts respecting the power of the said Councils to make such grants for the purpose aforesaid: 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, as follows:

Preamble.

I. All grants of money heretofore made by any of the Municipal Councils of this Province in aid of the said Fund, shall be held to have been and the same are hereby declared to have been lawfully made.

Grants for the Patriotic Fund declared valid.

II. It shall and may be lawful for any of the Municipal Councils of this Province, in their discretion, and within the six months next after the passing of this Act, to make such appropriation by By-laws from their funds respectively, for the aid of the said Patriotic Fund, as they shall within their said respective Municipalities see fit: Provided always, that no such grant or appropriation shall be carried into effect until approved of by a majority of the rate-payers, to be affected thereby, at a special meeting of such rate-payers lawfully convened, in the manner provided for similar purposes by the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Upper Canada*.

Future grants to be valid if approved by a majority of the Municipal Electors.

16 V. c. 22.