
Bill (from the Legislative Council)
to make further provision to prevent the Desertion of Seamen and others in the Sea service and for other purposes relating thereto.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Trade and Navigation of this Province and the Shipping Interests of the United Kingdom and its dependencies have been seriously injured, and its future prosperity endangered by the increased and increasing Desertion of Seamen in the Port of *Quebec*, and whereas such Desertion is encouraged by the neglect of Owners and Builders of Vessels in this Province to bring thereinto Seamen to Navigate the same in the first voyage, and by the temptation held out by Tavern-Keepers and Crimps who harbour Deserters; for remedy whereof further provision is necessary: 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 *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of the 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 from and after the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, no Vessel built in this Province shall be cleared out or depart from *Quebec* for any Port beyond the limits of the Province, for the first time after being launched, until it shall be satisfactorily proved to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs on the Oath of the Master or Owner or of the Agent of the Owner, which Oath the said Collector or Comptroller is hereby authorized to administer, that at least four Seamen or Seafaring Men for every Hundred Tons Register admeasurement of such Vessel shall have been brought into the Province for the Navigation of such Vessel: Provided always, that it shall appear on the Oath of the Master or Owner or Agent of the owner of the Vessel to

After the first May 1827, Seamen must be brought out to this Province for every new Vessel &c.

Proviso.