

ment of a table of fees by the authority of the Provincial Legislature, during the continuance of the before-mentioned Statute, 2 Will. IV., cap. 51, would, in my humble opinion, be repugnant to that Statute, and consequently null and void.

From the copies of Correspondence and Documents which I now produce, it will be seen that the Table of Fees mentioned in Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 2nd of March, 1848, was not adopted until a Commission of Canadian Lawyers and Merchants had been appointed, under instructions from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to prepare the same, nor until the Report of such Commissioners had been laid before the Legislature of Canada; and I think it but right to add, that as yet I have seen no sufficient reason to alter or reduce the fees thus established. They cannot be said to press with undue weight upon the trade of the port; for if the Returns made by the Officers of the Court be looked at, the fees they have received in the last three years will appear to be as follows:—By the Registrar in 1850, £29 0s. 10d.; in 1851, £122 8s. 10d.; and in 1852, £72 5s. 4d.; amounting to £223 5s., and averaging not quite £75 per annum. By the Marshal in 1850, £167 9s. 10d.; in 1851, £68 12s.; and in 1852, £48 15s.; amounting to £284 16s. 10d., and averaging not quite £95 per annum; whilst the number of vessels at this Port during the same period, is as follows:—

Number of Vessels, Tons, and Men—Inwards and Outwards at Quebec—
1850–51–52.

	INWARDS.			OUTWARDS.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.
1850	1196	465804	16992	1275	494021	16991
1851	1300	533427	17753	1342	566605	18527
1852	1221	502422	16453	1226	517781	16891

New Vessels, cleared outwards, included in the above.

	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.
1850.	31	28317	850
1851.	43	29364	1185
1852.	29	26422	800

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our well beloved HENRY BLACK, Esquire—*Greeting*:

We do, by these presents, make, ordain, nominate, and appoint you, the said Henry Black, to be Our Commissary in Our Vice Admiralty Court, in our Province of Lower Canada, in America and Territories thereunto belonging. And we do hereby grant unto you full power to take cognizance of, and proceed in, all Causes Civil and Maritime, and in Complaints, Contracts, Offences, or Suspected Offences, Crimes, Pleas, Debts, Exchanges, Policies of Assurances, Accounts, Charter Parties, Agreements, Bills of Lading of Ships, and all Matters and Contracts, which in any manner whatsoever relate to Freight due for Ships hired and let out, and transport Money or Maritime Usury, otherwise Bottomry, or which do any ways concern Suits, Trespasses, Injuries, Extortions, Demands, and Affairs Civil and Maritime whatsoever between Merchants, or between Owners and Proprietors of Ships or other vessels, and Merchandizes, or other persons whomsoever, with such Owners