

made at the Custom House at *Quebec* by the Agents of the *East India Company* in *Canada*, specifying the number and description of Chests and other Packages containing Tea, or other Goods, Wares and Merchandize on board, with the several species and kinds thereof, as also containing a general abstract of the Invoice weights of the Teas and number of pieces of such other Goods, Wares and Merchandize; and the said Agents shall also prior to Tea or other articles being landed, enter into a Bond on behalf of the said Company to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, conditionally, for the payment of the duties thereon to the Collector of the Customs for the time being, at the times and in the manner herein after prescribed, when the same shall be ascertained, but it shall not be necessary to demand, require or give, the Bond of any person or persons other than the said Agents.

All Teas and Merchandise imported by the East India Company from China, to be sold by public Sale.

Time at which the duties upon Teas shall be paid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all Teas and Merchandize Imported on account of the *East India Company* direct from *China* shall be sold by Public Sale, and instead of the credit heretofore given for the payment of Tea duties, those accruing upon the Importations thereof which have taken or shall take place direct from *China*, shall be ascertained, calculated and paid according to the quantities thereof sold at the Public Sales respectively, and the amount of duties according to the quantities of each species or kind so sold, after making the usual allowance or deduction, shall be payable and paid to the Collector of the Customs at *Quebec* for the time being within thirty days from and after each of the said Sales.

Mode of ascertaining the said Duties.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that to ascertain the said duties, an officer appointed by the chief officer of the customs at the place where the Teas are warehoused by the said Agents, shall attend at the various times of weighing the Tea to be put up at public sale, and within the period aforesaid, subsequent to each sale, the said Agents shall deliver to the said Collector a statement certified upon the oath of one of them, of the quantities and weight of each species or kind of Tea sold at the preceding public sale, in order that the duties payable thereon may be calculated and paid as aforesaid.

IV. And whereas it is expedient and proper for the encouragement of the Tea Trade, that