

## BILL.

An Act to repeal the Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of this Province made and passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen,*" it is declared that great frauds had been practised and much inconvenience felt from the system of shipping seamen at the Port of Quebec, in that part of the Province which had theretofore constituted the Province of Lower Canada, and by the same Act power was given for the Governor or the Person Administering the Government for the time being, to constitute and appoint during pleasure a fit and proper person to be Shipping Master for the said Port of Quebec, and it was further declared that a deputy or deputies should be appointed in the manner by the said Act directed; And whereas the said Act has not answered the end proposed, and it is expedient to repeal the same; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Act intituled, "*An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen,*" shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to license such number of persons, not less than four, as they may deem requisite and fit and who may be desirous to take out such licenses, to hire, engage, supply and provide seamen to be entered on board merchant ships; and every such license shall be granted for such period, on such terms and upon such security being given, and shall be revocable upon such conditions as the said Council of the Quebec Board of Trade may at any time or times appoint.

III. And be it enacted, That every such license shall be granted and every revocation thereof shall be made by minute or resolution of the said Council of the Quebec Board of Trade; and a copy of such minute or resolution, certified and signed by the Secretary of the said Board, shall be received as evidence of such license or revocation without further proof thereof.