

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29b

GIVEN by His Excellency the Honorable JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c. &c. In Council at Quebec, the 12th Day of November, Anno, Domini, 1764, and in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the III. by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.

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By Order of His Excellency in Council,
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AN ORDINANCE, *For preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass.*

WHEREAS Injustice may be done to Creditors by Persons in their Debt privately leaving the Province; and great Inconveniences may likewise arise, from Soldiers and Seamen of the Royal Navy being secretly conveyed away: For preventing thereof, his Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice, Consent and Assistance of His Majesty's Council, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That all and every Person or Persons intending to leave this Province, shall put up their Names publicly at the Secretary's Office for the Space of thirty Days before they shall obtain any Pass, with the Day and Year when they put up their Names: And in Case said Person or Persons are not, within said thirty Days, underwrote, by any others to whom they are indebted, then and in such Case, the Secretary, or his Deputy, are hereby required to grant said Person a Pass, for which he shall receive *One Shilling and Two-pence* lawful Money only. And in Case said Secretary, or his Deputy, shall refuse a Pass to any Person or Persons that have complied with the Rules prescribed by this Ordinance, he or they shall forfeit the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be levied by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, and for the Use of the Person grieved: And that the Pass for Persons leaving this Province, shall be in the following Words:

Province of } PERMIT ——— to depart this Province; if by Land, the Road to be
QUEBEC, } expressed in such Pass, and if by Sea, the Master's Name, and with
that of the Vessel, he or they having complied with an Ordinance of this Province for
that Purpose.

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And it is further Ordained, That whosoever shall underwrite any Person or Persons, so having their Names set up as aforesaid, shall produce at the Secretary's Office an Affidavit made before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, which Affidavit shall remain in the said Office, setting forth the Cause in Writing; if a Debt, the Sum or Sums of Money that is due, or owing to him or them, to be ascertained as near as they possibly can, and by what Means it doth arrive, whether by Bill, Bond, Judgment, Promise, Covenant or Account: and when any Person, so setting up their Names in the Secretary's Office as aforesaid, shall be underwrote by any Person aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, the Secretary, or his Deputy, shall take good and sufficient Security from the Person or Persons so underwritten, for the Sum or Sums that he or she is underwrote for, which Security shall be in the following Words.

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That We ——— and ——— of ——— in the Province of Quebec, are firmly bound unto ——— in the Sum of ——— To the true Payment of which we bind Ourselves, our Heirs and Assigns, firmly by these Presents. Witness our Hands and Seals, this ——— Day of ———