

Public roads or buildings excepted.

within the said province may be authorized by the said Council to assess, levy, and apply, within the said town or district, for the purpose of making roads, erecting and repairing public buildings, or for any other purpose respecting the local convenience and œconomy of such town or district.

Ordinances made to be laid before his Majesty, for his approbation.

XIV. Provided also, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every Ordinance so to be made, shall within six months, be transmitted by the Governor, or, in his absence, by the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and laid before his Majesty for his Royal approbation; and if his Majesty shall think fit to disallow thereof, the same shall cease and be void from the time that his Majesty's Order in Council thereupon shall be promulgated at Quebec.

Ordinances touching Religion not to be in force without his Majesty's approbation.

XV. Provided also, That no Ordinance touching Religion, or by which any punishment may be inflicted greater than fine, or imprisonment for three months, shall be of any force or effect, until the same shall have received his Majesty's approbation.

When ordinances are to be passed by a Majority.

XVI. Provided also, That no Ordinance shall be passed at any meeting of the Council, where less than a majority of the whole Council is present, or at any time except between the first day of January and the first day of May, unless upon some urgent occasion, in which case every member thereof resident at Quebec, or within fifty miles thereof, shall be personally summoned by the Governor, or, in his absence, by the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to attend the same.

Nothing to hinder his Majesty to constitute Courts of Criminal, civil, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or hinder his Majesty, his heirs and successors, by his or their Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, from erecting, constituting, and appointing, such courts of criminal, civil, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction within and for the said province of Quebec, and appointing, from time to time, the Judges and Officers thereof, as his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall think necessary and proper for the circumstances of the said province.

All acts formerly made are hereby enforced within the province.

XVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or make void, within the said province of Quebec, any Act or Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain heretofore made, for prohibiting, restraining, or regulating, the trade or commerce of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America; but that all and every the said Acts, and also all Acts of Parliament heretofore made concerning or respecting the said Colonies and Plantations, shall be, and are hereby declared to be in force, within the said Province of Quebec, and every part thereof.