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To enable the Legislature of this Province the more effectually to ascertain the state of the Public Funds in the hands of the Receiver-General, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of his Majesty George the Third, intituled, "*An Act for removing all doubts and apprehensions concerning taxation, by the Parliament of Great Britain, in any of the Colonies, Provinces, and Plantations in North America and the West Indies, and for repealing so much of an Act made in the seventh year of the reign of his present Majesty, as imposes a duty on Tea imported from Great Britain into any Colony or Plantation in America, or relates thereto,*" "it has been declared that the King and Parliament of Great Britain will not impose any duty, tax or assessment whatever, payable in any of his Majesty's Colonies, Provinces and Plantations in North America or the West Indies, except only such duties as it may be expedient to impose, for the regulation of commerce, the net produce of such duties to be always paid and applied to and for the use of the Colony, Province or Plantation in which the same shall be respectively levied, in such manner as other duties collected by the authority of the respective general Courts, or general Assemblies of such Colonies, Provinces or Plantations are ordinarily paid and applied." Now, therefore, to enable the Legislature of the Province the more accurately to ascertain the true amount of monies annually raised, levied and collected in this Province, under any Act or Acts in force in this Province, whether of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain or of the Legislature of this Province, and at the disposal of the latter; Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His late Majesty's Reign. intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,'*" and to make further provision for the Govern-
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