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that Province.

XXVIII. And whereas the Division of the Province of Quebec into the two Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, was intended for the common Benefit of His Majesty's Subjects residing within both of the newly constituted Provinces, and not in any manner to obstruct the Intercourse or prejudice the Trade to be carried on by the Inhabitants of any part of the said late Province of Quebec with Great Britain, or with other Countries ; and it has accordingly been made a subject of mutual stipulation between the said Two Provinces, in the several agreements which have heretofore subsisted, that the Province of Upper Canada should not impose any Duties upon Articles imported from Lower-Canada but would permit and allow the Province of Lower-Canada to impose such Duties as they might think fit, upon Articles imported into the said Province of Lower-Canada ; of which Duties a certain Proportion was by the said Agreements appointed to be paid to the Province of Upper-Canada : And whereas in consequence of the Inconveniencies arising from the Cessation of such Agreements as above recited, it has been found expedient to remedy the Evils now experienced in the Province of Upper-Canada, and to guard against such as might in future arise from the Exercise of an exclusive Controul, by the Legislature of Lower Canada, over the Imports and Exports into and out of the Port of Quebec ; and it is further expedient, in order to enable the said Province of Upper-Canada to meet the necessary Charges upon its ordinary Revenue, and to provide with sufficient Certainty for the Support of its Civil Government, to establish such Controul as may prevent the Evils which have arisen or may arise from the Legislature of Lower Canada suffering to expire unexpectedly, or repealing suddenly, and without affording to Upper Canada an Opportunity of Remonstrance, existing Duties, upon which the principal Part of its Revenue, and the necessary Maintenance of its Government may depend ; be it therefore enacted, That all and every the Duties which, at the Time of the Expiration of the last Agreement between the said Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, were payable under any Act or Acts of the Province of Lower Canada, on the Importation of any Goods, Wares or Commodities into the said Province of Lower Canada (except such as may have been imposed for the Regulation of the Trade by Land or Inland Navigation, between the said Province and the United States of America,) shall be payable and shall be levied according to the Provisions contained in any such Acts, until any Act or Acts for repealing or altering the said Duties, or any Part thereof respectively, shall be passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province of Lower Canada, and until such Act or Acts, repealing or altering such Duties, shall, after a Copy thereof has been transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province of Upper Canada, be laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, according to the Forms and Provisions contained in a certain Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled An Act to repeal certain Parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His 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 Government of the said ' Province' and the Royal Assent thereto proclaimed within the Province of Lower Canada, according to the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act.

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