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*Further to extend and regulate the
Inland Commerce between this
Province and the United States
of America.*

WHEREAS from the increasing Trade and Commerce of this Province, it would be highly beneficial that, in addition to the Articles now allowed by Law to be brought and imported into the same from the United States of America, by land or inland Navigation, Flour and Meal should also be allowed to be so imported free of duty, for the purpose of exportation only. And whereas it is expedient to allow a free importation from the said States by land, or inland Navigation of certain other articles, of the growth and produce of the said States, of which the importation therefrom into this Province is by Law now prohibited: Be it therefore 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 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 it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to import and bring, or cause to be imported and brought into this Province, from the United States of America, by land or inland Navigation, Flour and Meal of every description, for the purpose of being exported from this Province ; subject nevertheless to the regulations and restrictions herein-after declared and provided, any Law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

II. And to prevent fraud in the importation of any such Flour or Meal, Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the same shall be imported and brought from the United States into this Province by the route or communication of Lake Champlain and the River Sorel or Richelieu, through the Port of Saint John, or upon the River Saint Lawrence through the Ports or Posts now established thereon at the Côteau du Lac and Chateaugay, and by and