
Bill for better ascertaining the *Duties on Tea* imported into this *Province* direct from *China*, and for other purposes thereunto relating.

Preamble.

WHEREAS pursuant to Addresses voted by the Legislative Councils and Assemblies of the Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper-Canada* on the baneful effects of the Contraband Trade carried on between the *United States* and and these Provinces, especially in East India Goods and Tea suggesting a remedy for the encreasing evil which remedy has been adopted in an Act of the Imperial Parliament authorizing *the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies*, to import from *China* direct into any of the British Colonies and Plantations in *America*, Tea or other Goods, Wares or Merchandize, the produce or manufacture of any Country within the limits of the said Company's Charter ; two Ships laden with Tea direct from *Canton* have arrived in the month of July last at *Quebec* ; and whereas the present mode of ascertaining and paying the Duties accruing thereon is inapplicable to this new state of the Tea Trade, and in other respects the system requires some amendment so as to be better adapted thereto : 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 for making 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 the present mode of ascertaining the Duties, and the time prescribed for payment of the same upon Tea Imported or which shall be imported direct from *China* to *Canada* shall cease and determine, and in lieu thereof the following shall be adopted, and carried into effect, that is to say ; upon arrival of Ships with Tea or other commodities direct from *Canton* or before they break bulk entries shall be

New mode of ascertaining the duties upon Tea imported from *China*.