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Stat. 2,
12 Ann.
cap. 18.

Another statute that we understand to be in force in this province, though made before the conquest of it, and not extended by express words to the future dominions of the crown of Great Britain, is stat. 2, 12th Ann. chap. 18, intituled, "An Act for "preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof which shall happen "to be forced on Shore, or stranded, upon the coasts of this "kingdom, or any other of her Majesty's dominions." This statute, and another of the 4th of Geo. I. chap. 12, for enforcing and making the former perpetual, have been declared by your Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, in the month of June 1767, in an opinion given by them to your Majesty's lords commissioners of trade and plantations, upon a case stated to them by those lords, to extend to your Majesty's plantations in America : and no exception is made in their opinion of those of your Majesty's dominions in America which have been acquired since the passing of those statutes. And your Majesty's ministers have transmitted the said case and opinion to your Majesty's governour of this province, upon a supposition, as we apprehend, that it extends to this province as well as to all the others.

These are the acts of parliament passed before the conquest and cession of Canada that we conceive to be in force in this province by their own import and operation, and without needing any further act of government to introduce them.

Some of the acts of parliament passed by your Majesty's self since the conquest and cession of Canada relating to this province are these that follow :

Stat. 4
Geo. III.
cap. 11.

The first of these statutes is that of the 4th year of your Majesty's reign, chap. II, which, amongst other things, enacts, that so much of an act made in the 8th year of King George the First, intituled, "An Act for giving further Encouragement to the "Importation of Naval Stores, and for other purposes therein "mentioned," as relates to the importation of wood and timber, and of the goods commonly called *Lumber*, therein particularly enumerated, from any of your Majesty's British plantations or colonies in America, free from all customs and impositions whatsoever, shall be continued, beyond the times appointed in former acts, to the 29th of September in the year 1771.

In this statute the words *British plantations* are generally understood to relate to this province as well as to your Majesty's other colonies in America; and a copy of this statute has accordingly been transmitted by the commissioners of your Majesty's customs in London to your Majesty's collector of the customs in this port.