

Majesty for his royal approbation; and if his Majesty shall think fit to disallow thereof, the same shall cease and be void from the time that his Majesty's order in council thereupon shall be promulgated at Quebec.

XV. Provided also, That no ordinance touching religion, or by which any punishment may be inflicted greater than fine or imprisonment for three months, shall be of any force or effect, until the same shall have received his Majesty's approbation.

XVI. Provided also, That no ordinance shall be passed at any meeting of the council where less than a majority of the whole council is present, or at any time except between the first day of January and the first day of May, unless upon some urgent occasion, in which case every member thereof resident at Quebec, or within fifty miles thereof, shall be personally summoned by the governor, or, in his absence, by the lieutenant governor, or commander in chief for the time being, to attend the same.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or hinder his Majesty, his heirs and successors, by his or their letters patent under the great seal of Great Britain, from erecting, constituting, and appointing, such courts of criminal, civil, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction within and for the said province of Quebec, and appointing, from time to time, the judges and officers thereof, as his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall think necessary and proper for the circumstances of the said province.

XVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or make void, within the said province of Quebec, any act or acts of the parliament of Great Britain heretofore made, for prohibiting, restraining, or regulating the trade or commerce of his Majesty's colonies and plantations in America; but that all and every the said acts, and also all acts of parliament heretofore made concerning or respecting the said colonies and plantations, shall be, and are hereby declared to be in force within the said province of Quebec, and every part thereof.

Ordinances touching religion not to be in force without his Majesty's approbation.

When ordinances are to be passed by a majority.

Nothing to hinder his Majesty to constitute courts of criminal, civil, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

All acts formerly made are hereby enforced within the province.

PASSED IN THE FOURTEENTH YEAR OF GEORGE III.

CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

An act to establish a fund towards further defraying the charges of the administration of justice, and support of the civil government within the province of Quebec in America.

WHEREAS certain duties were imposed, by the authority of his most Christian Majesty, upon wine, rum, brandy, eau de vie de liqueur, imported into the province of Canada, now called the province of Quebec, and also a duty of three pounds *per centum ad valorem*, upon all dry goods imported into, and exported from, the said province, which duties subsisted at the time of the surrender of the said province to your Majesty's forces in the late war: And whereas it is expedient that the said duties should cease and be discontinued, and that in lieu and in stead thereof, other duties should be raised by the authority of parliament, for making a more adequate provision for defraying the charge of the administration of justice, and the support of civil government in the said province: We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of Great Britain, in parliament assembled, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, all the duties which were imposed upon rum, brandy, eau de vie de liqueur, within the said province, and also of three pounds *per centum ad valorem*, on dried goods imported into, or exported from, the said province, under the authority of his most Christian Majesty, shall be, and are hereby discontinued; and that in lieu and in stead thereof, there shall, from and after the said fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, be raised, levied, collected, and paid, unto his Majesty, his heirs and successors, for and upon the respective goods hereinafter mentioned, which shall be imported or brought into any part of the said province, over and above all other duties now payable in the said province, by any act or acts of parliament, the several rates and duties following; that is to say:

For every gallon of brandy, or other spirits, of the manufacture of Great Britain, three pence.

For every gallon of rum, or other spirits, which shall be imported or brought from any of his Majesty's sugar colonies in the West Indies, six pence.

For every gallon of rum, or other spirits, which shall be imported or brought from any other of his Majesty's colonies or dominions in America, nine pence.

Preamble.

Certain duties imposed by his most Christian Majesty upon rum, brandy, &c. imported into Quebec,

after April 5, 1775, to be discontinued within the province,

and in stead of which the following duties to be paid to his Majesty.

The rates.