

Select Committee on the *Hudson's Bay Company*.

1857.

P A P E R S.

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EXTRACT from MINUTES of Meeting of the Governor and Council of *Rupert's Land*, Appendix, No. held at Red River Settlement, 10 June 1845.

*Resolved*, 1. THAT, once in every year, any British subject, if an actual resident, and not a fur trafficker, may import, whether from London or from St. Peter's, stores free of any duty now about to be imposed, on declaring truly that he has imported them at his own risk.

2. That, once in every year, any British subject, if qualified as before, may exempt from duty, as before, imports of the local value of ten pounds, on declaring truly that they are intended exclusively to be used by himself within Red River Settlement, and have been purchased with certain specified productions or manufactures of the aforesaid settlement, exported in the same season or by the latest vessel at his own risk.

3. That, once in every year, any British subject, if qualified as before, who may have personally accompanied both his exports and imports, as defined in the preceding Resolution, may exempt from duty, as before, imports of the local value of 50 *l.*, on declaring truly that they are either to be consumed by himself, or to be sold by himself to actual consumers within the aforesaid settlement, and have been purchased with certain specified productions or manufactures of the settlement, carried away by himself in the same season or by the latest vessel at his own risk.

4. That all other imports from the United Kingdom for the aforesaid settlement, shall, before delivery, pay at York Factory a duty of 20 per cent. on their prime cost, provided, however, that the Governor of the settlement be hereby authorised to exempt from the same all such importers as may, from year to year, be reasonably believed by him to have neither trafficked in furs themselves since the 8th day of December 1844, nor enabled others to do so by illegally or improperly supplying them with trading articles of any description.

5. That all other imports from any part of the United States shall pay all duties payable under the provisions of 5 & 6 Vict. c. 49, the imperial statute for regulating the foreign trade of the British possessions in North America; provided, however, that the Governor-in-Chief, or, in his absence, the President of the Council, may so modify the machinery of the said Act of Parliament as to adapt the same to the circumstances of the country.

7. That henceforward no goods shall be delivered at York Factory to any but persons duly licensed to freight the same, such licenses being given only in those cases in which no fur trafficker may have any interest direct or indirect.

8. That any intoxicating drink, if found in a fur trafficker's possession, beyond the limits of the aforesaid settlement, may be seized and destroyed by any person on the spot.

Whereas the intervention of middlemen is alike injurious to the Honourable Company and to the people; it is Resolved,

9. That henceforward furs shall be purchased from none but the actual hunters of the same.

Fort Garry, 10 July 1845.