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 Scal 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.

See C. 88, and 15 Geo. 3d, c. 40.

C H A P. 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.

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

THEREAS, 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 instead 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 the Civil Government in the said Province: We your Majesty's most dutiful and loval 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:

to be di-scontinued.