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To amend certain Acts therein mentioned, and for making more ample provision for the regulation of the
LUMBER TRADE.

WHEREAS Lumber is become an article of the first importance in the export trade of this Province; and whereas it would tend to encrease its growing reputation, to the great advantage of trade, and secure to it a preference in the markets of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, if the quality and measurement thereof, were properly ascertained and attended to. And whereas in order to effect these desirable purposes, it is requisite to amend a certain Act, passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the better Regulation of the Lumber Trade.*" as well as an Act passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time and amend an Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for the better regulation of the Lumber Trade.*:" 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 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 to make 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, no Lumber of the descriptions herein-after mentioned, shall be shipped for exportation from this Province, until the same has been previously culled, measured and certified to be of the respective qualities herein-after provided, under a penalty for each offence not exceeding

pounds nor less than

pounds, current money of this Province, to be forfeited and paid by the person or persons who knowingly, shall have shipped or caused the same to be shipped for exportation, without having been so culled, measured and certified. Provided always that nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent the shipment of any article of Lumber, notwithstanding such article may not be of the dimensions herein-after provided, if the same be of sound and good quality and marked or stampd as herein-after provided and certified as such, by one of the Inspectors to be appointed by virtue of this Act. Provided further, that