

clerks and servants, and regulate the mode of doing business at such offices, and should, subject as therein mentioned, have complete control over the same, and the sanction of the said Board of Trade should be necessary so far as regarded the number of persons to be appointed by the said Local Marine Boards, and the amount of their salaries and wages and all other expenses, and the said Board of Trade should have the immediate control of such shipping offices as far as regarded the receipt and payment of monies thereat, and all the Shipping Masters, clerks and servants so appointed as aforesaid, should, before entering upon their duties, give such security, if any, for the due performance thereof as the said Board of Trade should require, and if in any case the said Board of Trade had reason to believe that any Shipping Master, deputy clerk or servant appointed by the said local Marine Board did not properly discharge his duties, the Board of Trade might cause the case to be investigated, and might, if it thought fit so to do, remove him from his office, and might provide for the proper performance of his duties until another person was properly appointed in his place: and by the now reciting Act, it was further enacted that if the Legislative authorities in any British possession abroad by any Acts, ordinances, or other appropriate legal means should apply or adopt any of the provisions in the third part of the now reciting Act contained to any British ships registered at, trading with, or being at any place within their respective jurisdictions, and to the owners, masters, mates and crews thereof, such provisions when so applied and adopted, and as long as they remained in force should, in respect of the ships and persons to which the same were applied, be enforced, and punishments and penalties for the breach thereof should be recovered and inflicted throughout Her Majesty's dominions in the same manner as if such provisions had been by the said Act so adopted and applied, and such punishments and penalties had been thereby expressly imposed; and by the said Imperial statute it was further enacted that every Act, ordinance, or other form of law to be passed by any Legislative authority in pursuance of that Act, should be subject to the same rights of disallowance, or repeal and require the same sanction or other acts and formalities, and be subject to the same conditions in all respects as existed and were required in order to the validity of any Act, ordinance or other form of law passed by such legislative authority; and that if in any matter relating to any ship or to any person belonging to any ship, there appeared to be conflict of laws, then if there was in the third part of the now reciting Act any provision on the subject which was thereby made expressly to extend to such ship, the case should be governed by such provision, but if there was no such provision the case should be governed by the law of the place in which such ship should be registered:

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bec recited.

And whereas for the reasons herebefore set forth, it is necessary to provide a better mode of shipping seamen in the said port of Quebec, and inasmuch as there is not in the said port any mercantile Marine Board, the nearest approximation to the provisions of the said in part recited Imperial statute, as to the appointment of Shipping Masters to carry out the spirit and intention of the said Imperial statute in the said port is, that the Board of Trade for the said port, and their successors for the time being should have full power and authority to nominate, constitute and appoint for the said port, three or more Shipping Masters, as they shall see fit, with power of dismissal for any breach of their duty, as hereinafter more fully expressed; Now, therefore, by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority vested in any legislative authority in any British Possession abroad to apply or adopt any of the provisions of the above in part recited Imperial statute to any British ships registered at, trading with, or being at any place within