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**BILL.**

**An Act to encourage Emigrants from Europe to the United States to use the St. Lawrence route.**

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to encourage the use of the St. Lawrence route by Emigrants from Europe to the United States; Be it therefore &c.,

Preamble.

4 and it is hereby enacted  
by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful  
6 for the Governor to instruct the Collector of the Customs  
at any Port or Ports on or near the frontier between  
8 this Province and the United States, to pay back to such  
person as shall be designated in a certificate from the  
10 Emigrant Agent at the Port at which the Duty shall have  
been paid, as the proper person to receive such payment,  
12 a sum equal to of the Duty paid upon any  
Emigrant arriving in the Province after the  
14 day of , provided such Certificate shall also  
shew that such Emigrant came into this Province with the  
16 declared intention of passing directly through it to the  
United States, and provided the Collector shall be satisfied  
18 by the Certificate of the same or of some other Emigrant  
Agent, that such Emigrant hath not been (or if he be the  
20 head of a family that no one of such family hath been)  
chargeable upon the Province since his arrival therein, and  
22 shall also be satisfied by his own knowledge and inquiry, that  
such Emigrant hath come directly and with all reasonable  
24 despatch, from the place where the Duty was paid to such  
frontier Port, and hath there paid for a passage by and  
26 embarked (with his baggage and family if any) on board  
of some Vessel or Boat bound for and immediately  
28 about to depart to a port or place in the United States:  
Provided also, that such Collector shall obey and be  
30 bound by any further instructions he may receive in this  
behalf from the Governor, and that such instructions may  
32 extend to the employment of a proper officer or person to  
accompany any such Emigrants to the United States, and  
34 there to pay the sum to be returned as aforesaid.

Part of the tax on any Emigrant coming through this Province to the United States, may be paid back on certain conditions.

Proviso.

II. And be it enacted, that if any person shall by any  
36 false pretence, obtain any sum of money under this Act  
without being legally entitled thereto, he shall for such

Penalty on persons fraudulently obtaining such re-payment.