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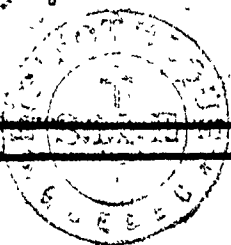
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A N  
O R D I N A N C E,

For regulating and establishing the CURRENCY of the  
PROVINCE.

By His Excellency JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of QUEBEC, and of the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, and Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of Foot, &c. &c. &c. In Council, this 14th Day of September, in the Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoque Domini, 1764.

**W**HEREAS His Most Sacred Majesty, by His Instructions to His Excellency, bearing Date at *St. James's*, the Seventh Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three, hath been pleased to authorise and empower His said Excellency, with the Advice and Assistance of His Majesty's Council, to make Rules and Regulations, and Ordinances, for the better Ordering and well Governing of this His Province of *Quebec*: And whereas it is highly expedient and necessary, to fix a certain Value upon every Species of Coin now in this Colony, and to ascertain the Currency thereof throughout the whole Province, upon One certain and uniform Plan; and having maturely considered the several Currencies which prevail at this Time in the different Colonies and Provinces upon this Continent, as likewise the Ease and Convenience of His Majesty's good Subjects of the Province of *Quebec*; His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Assistance of His Majesty's Council, and by Virtue of the Power and Authority to him given by His Majesty's Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, hath thought fit to *Ordain and Declare*; and His said Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Assistance afore said, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That from and after the First Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, The following Species of Coins shall pass current throughout this whole Province, at and after the several Rates herein mentioned, *viz.*

	Dw.	Gr.				
The Johannes of <i>Portugal</i> , weighing	18	6	—	at	£4	16 - 0
The Moydore, — — — —	6	18	—	at	1	16 - 0
The Carolin of <i>Germany</i> , — —	5	17	—	at	1	10 - 0
The Guinea, — — — —	5	4	—	at	1	8 - 0
The Louis D'Or, — — — —	5	3	—	at	1	8 - 0
The <i>Spanish</i> or <i>French</i> Pistole, —	4	4	—	at	1	1 - 0
The <i>Seville</i> , <i>Mexico</i> , and <i>Pillar</i> Dollar,	17	12	—	at	0	6 - 0
A <i>French</i> Crown, or Six <i>Livre</i> Piece,	19	4	—	at	0	6 - 8
The <i>French</i> Piece, passing at present for £0 - 4 - 6 <i>Halifax</i> , —	15	16	—	at	0	5 - 6
The <i>British</i> Shilling, — — — —	0	0	—	at	0	1 - 4
The Pistreen, — — — —	0	0	—	at	0	1 - 2
The <i>French</i> Nine-Penny Piece, —	0	0	—	at	0	1 - 0
Twenty <i>British</i> Coppers, — —	0	0	—	at	0	1 - 0

And all the higher or lower Denominations of the said Gold and Silver Coins, to pass current likewise in their due Proportions.

*And it is hereby further Ordained and Declared*, That from and after the said First Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five, the above Species of Coins, or any

any of them, according to the above Rates, shall be deemed a legal Tender in Payment of all Debts and Contracts, that have, or shall be made within this Province, where there is no special Agreement to the Contrary, drawn up in Writing, or before sufficient Witnesses; and that in all Agreements, Prior to, or since the Conquest of this Province, which have been made in Livres, according to the Method of Computation heretofore in Use, the Livre shall be estimated equal to *One Shilling* of the Currency hereby established, the Dollar to be equal to *Six Livres*, or *Six Shillings*, and in the same Proportion for every Coin herein specified.

And whereas a Practice has been introduced of cutting Dollars, and of passing the Fragments as small Change at an arbitrary Value; and the same being liable to great Fraud and Abuse, *It is hereby further Ordained and Declared*, That from the Date of the Publication hereof, No Parts of Dollars, or any other Coin, so cut, or otherwise clipped, shall be admitted to pass current by Way of Change in any Part of this Province; and that all Persons, uttering or passing any such, upon Conviction thereof by the Oath of one credible Witness, before one or more Justices of Peace, shall, for the first Offence, forfeit the Sum of *Ten Shillings*, current Money of the Province, and *Twenty* for the Second, besides one Month's Imprisonment; the said Fines, so levied, to be applied to His Majesty's Use.

And, in Order to prevent the Importation of Copper in such Abundance, as to drain the Country of its Gold and Silver, *It is hereby further Ordained and Declared*, by the Authority aforesaid, That from the Date of the Publication hereof, all *Sols Marqués*, whether old or new, shall pass only as *Farthings*, that is to say, From the Date of the Publication hereof, until the First Day of *January* next, *Forty-Eight Sols Marqués* shall be deemed equal to *One Shilling Halifax*, and *Thirty* of said *Sols Marqués* equal to *One Shilling York* Currency, but that from and after the said First Day of *January* next ensuing, *Forty-Eight* of the said *Sols Marqués* shall be equal to *One Shilling* of the Currency of this Province. *Provided nevertheless*, That no Person shall be obliged to receive of said *Sols Marqués*, or other Copper, at any One Payment, for above the Value of *One Shilling* of the Currency hereby established.

*GIVEN by His Excellency JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c. &c. &c. In Council at Quebec, the 14th of September, Anno; Domini, 1764, and in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord KING GEORGE the III. by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.*

JA: MURRAY.

By Order of His EXCELLENCY in Council,  
J. GRAY, D. Sec.

