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## BILL.

An Act to exempt certain Vessels from  
the duty imposed by the Act to pro-  
vide for the Medical Treatment of  
Sick Mariners.

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MR. DUBORD.

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QUEBEC:

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**An Act to exempt certain Vessels from the duty imposed by the Act to provide for the Medical Treatment of Sick Mariners.**

**W**HEREAS the duty imposed by the Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada, passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled, "*An Act to provide for the Medical Treatment of Sick Mariners,*" for the purpose of creating a fund for defraying the expense of the Medical care and attendance of sick Sailors and Mariners, bears unjustly on the Owners, and Masters of Vessels belonging to this Province and trading between either of the Ports of Quebec and Montreal and the other Ports in British North America, inasmuch as neither they nor the Seamen in their employ on board of such Vessels, derive any benefit from the said Act, which was more especially intended for the advantage of sick Sailors and Mariners arriving from Ports beyond the limits of British North America, and who are generally strangers in this Province; and it is therefore expedient to exempt such Vessels from the said duty; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.  
Act of L. C.  
6 Wm. IV,  
cap. 35.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Vessel belonging to any party in this Province, and trading between either of the said Ports of Quebec and Montreal and any other Port in British North America, shall be subject to the payment of the duty of one penny currency per ton imposed in and by the Act cited in the Preamble to this Act, on Vessels arriving in either of the said Ports of Quebec and Montreal, from any Port out of the limits of this Province; any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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