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An Act to permit Rum and other Spirits, the Produce of the *Britiſh* Colonies in the *Weſt Indies*, to be imported into *Lower Canada* from *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunſwick*, and the Iſlands of *Cape Breton*, *Prince Edward*, and *Newfoundland*.

[31ſt *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS it is expedient under certain Regulations to permit Rum and other Spirits, the Produce or Manufacture of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in the *Weſt Indies* to be imported into *Lower Canada*, from any of the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunſwick*, the Iſland of *Cape Breton*, *Prince Edward's* Iſland, and the Iſland of *Newfoundland*, on Payment of the ſame Rate of Duty as if the ſame had been imported directly from any of His Majeſty's ſaid Sugar Colonies in the *Weſt Indies*; be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, any Rum or other Spirits, being the Produce or Manufacture of any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies in the *Weſt Indies*, legally and directly imported into any or either of the ſaid Provinces or Iſlands in *North America*, from the ſaid Sugar Colonies or from the Iſland of *Bermuda*, may be exported from any or either of the ſaid Provinces or Iſlands to the Province of *Lower Canada*, and landed and admitted to an Entry upon the Payment of the ſame Rate of Duty as if the ſame had been imported directly from any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies.

Rum may be imported from certain Provinces into Canada.

Regulations to be observed to prevent the Importation of Foreign Rum.

II. And, to prevent the Importation of Foreign Rum and Spirits into *Lower Canada*, under Pretence that the same are the Produce or Manufacture of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies, be it enacted, That every Person or Persons loading on board any Ship or Vessel in any of the said Provinces of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, the Island of *Cape Breton*, or *Prince Edward's* Island, or the Island of *Newfoundland*, any Rum or Spirits as of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies, in order to be exported from thence to *Lower Canada*, shall, before the clearing out of the said Ship or Vessel, produce and deliver to the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs at the Loading Port, his or their Affidavit, or that of his or their Agent or Factor, signed and sworn to before some Justice of the Peace in the Province or Island where the same shall be shipped, expressing in Words at Length and not in Figures, the Number and Content or Contents of the Casks or other Packages containing the Rum or other Spirits; also from what Colony or Plantation the same were imported, by whom, and the Time when such Importation took place, which Affidavit shall be attested by the Hand of the said Justice of the Peace to have been sworn to in his Presence, who is hereby required to do the same without Fee or Reward; and the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs to whom such Affidavit shall be delivered, shall thereupon grant to the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be loaden, a Certificate under his Hand and Seal of Office (without Fee or Reward) of his having received such Affidavit pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and that it thereby appeared that such Rum or other Spirits was or were legally imported into the said Province or Island, as the Case may be, as of the Produce or Manufacture of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies, and such Certificate shall express the Number and Content or Contents of the Casks or other Packages containing the Rum or other Spirits so shipped on board such Ship or Vessel.

Certificate of the Affidavit made to certain Particulars to be delivered to the Collector of the Customs, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That upon the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel at the Port of her Discharge in the Province of *Lower Canada*, the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of the said Ship or Vessel, shall at the Time of making the Report of his Cargo, deliver the said Certificate to the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs of such Port, and make Oath before him, which Oath such Officer is hereby authorized and required to administer, that the Rum or other Spirits so reported, are the same that are mentioned and referred to in the said Certificate; and if any Rum or other Spirits shall be imported or found on board any such Ship or Vessel for which no such Certificate shall be produced, or which shall not agree therewith, the same shall be deemed and taken to be Foreign Rum and Spirits, and shall be subject and liable to the same Duties, Restrictions, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures in all Respects as Rum or other Spirits of the Produce or Manufacture of any Foreign Colony or Plantation is or are subject and liable to by Law.

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