

vernor, Lieutenant Governor, eldest Councillor and Council, other than the Chief Justice for the time being, and by the late reforms in the Government of Canada by the division of the Country into the two Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower* Canada, further and other Provision is become necessary respecting the Regulation of Highways, Roads and Bridges. Be it therefore enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain intituled "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign*" intituled "*An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province.*" And it is accordingly enacted by the Authority of the same, that the same powers and authorities heretofore vested in and exercisable by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and eldest Councillor and the Council of the Province of Quebec, by virtue of the Ordinances thereof, or any or either of them, shall and may be in future vested in and exercisable by a Court of Special or Quarter Sessions of that District in which the Roads and Bridges regulated or to be regulated, may happen to be comprehended, such Sessions always consisting of three Justices at the least—Provided always, that none of the said Justices of the Peace shall be personally interested in the cause or kindred of the Parties in the degree prohibited by the Civil Law in force in this Province.

Powers and Authorities formerly in Governor and Council relating to Highways and Bridges vested in the Quarter Sessions—provided that no Justice of the Peace be interested in the cause or within the degrees of kindred prohibited by the civil law.

C A P. V I.

An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled an Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep Horses and Carriages to let and hire for the accommodation of Travellers commonly called and known by the name of *Maîtres de Poste*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the said Ordinance has been continued by divers Ordinances of the late Legislature, but will remain no longer in force than to the first day of May next, and the same having been useful to the Public, it is expedient to make provision against the expiration of the same. Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain intituled "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign*" intituled "*An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province.*" And be it accordingly enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Ordinance so made and passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign, together with the amendment thereof, made by an Ordinance passed on the thirtieth day of April in the twenty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, shall continue to be in force from the first day of May next, until the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and no longer.

The several Ordinances of the twentieth and twenty-seventh of G. O. III. continued until 1st May 1795.

II. And whereas great inconveniences have occurred, and fatal accidents happened at Ferries on the Post roads, the remedy whereof in future will require some surveys of distances, many enquiries respecting the Rivers intersected by the said Roads, Diagrams of such as will admit of Bridges, and an attention to the titles of such as claim the rights of ferriage and transportation, on all which subjects, the Legislature may expect information from the super intendant of the Post roads or any other person who may be appointed by the Government. Be it therefore enacted, by the same authority, that the super intendant or any other person to be appointed by the Government, shall and may cause

Super-intendant of the P. R. Roads to cause Surveys

to be made and lay the same before the Legislature at their next Session.

cause such surveys and diagrams to be made and lay the same before the several Branches of the Legislature in the first week of the next Session, together with such Representation of the enquiries he may make, and the remarks they may require, the better to answer the intention of providing the remedies before mentioned and to the same shall annex the expence of the services hereby required.

C A P. VII.

An Act to provide Returning Officers for *Knights, Citizens and Burgesses* to serve in Assembly.

Preamble.

WHEREAS His Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled, by an Act passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, hath been graciously pleased to constitute a Legislature in this Province, in which the people thereof His Majesty's loyal Subjects do participate by their Representatives in Assembly, and whereas by the aforesaid Act, power and authority is granted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in the several Districts, Counties, Circles, Towns and Townships in this Province for a certain time therein expressed, which power will expire on the twenty-sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for the appointment of the said Officers. Be it therefore enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the Authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's Reign" intituled "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province." That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, shall have the same power and authority of appointing Returning Officers as by the said statute was granted to provide for the Returning Officers, to the present or first assembly under the same statute, and that such power and authority granted, shall continue and be in force for and during the term of four years to commence from and after the twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three and no longer.

Governor empowered to appoint Returning Officers for four years from 26th December, 1793.

Persons refusing the office of Returning Officer to forfeit twenty-five pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, by the same authority, that every person refusing to perform the duty of the Office of Returning Officer after his being nominated and appointed thereto in manner aforesaid, and his receipt of a Writ of election, shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five pounds of the current money of this Province. Provided always, that each person named and appointed Returning Officer be a resident and qualified as an Elector of the County, Town or Borough, for which he shall have been so named and appointed.

And no returning officer obliged to serve for more than one year.

III. And be it also enacted, by the same authority, that every Returning Officer so nominated and appointed, shall not be obliged to execute the office of Returning Officer for any longer time than one year, or oftener than once. Provided always, that no Member of the Executive or Legislative Council, or House of Assembly, or of any Religious Order, or any Clergyman, Physician, Surgeon, Miller or Maître de Poste, shall be named or appointed a Returning Officer.

IV.