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Anno Regni GEORGII III. Tricesimo Quarto,  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
GUY LORD DORCHESTER GOVERNOR.

‘ **A**T the Provincial Parliament, begun and holden at *Quebec*, the seventeenth day of  
‘ December, *Anno Domini* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, in  
‘ the thirty-third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by  
‘ the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland* KING, Defender of the  
‘ faith, &c.

‘ And from thence continued by several Prorogations to the eleventh day of Novem-  
‘ ber, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, being the second Session of the  
‘ first Provincial Parliament of LOWER-CANADA.

C A P. I.

An Act to provide for the *Publication of certain Laws*, and for the printing and distributing to certain persons, for the purpose of public information, all Laws that have been, and shall be passed in the Legislature of this Province, under the present Constitution.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS certain laws have been passed in the first Session of the Legislature, under the present Constitution, in the first enacting clause whereof are these words, “ *from and after the Publication of this Act,*” which form of expression has created and may create doubts, as to the commencement of the operation of such laws; in order therefore to remove such doubts, 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 of the Parliament of Great-Britain, passed in the thirty-first Year of His Majesty’s Reign, 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 hereby enacted by authority of the same, that all laws, passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, shall be deemed and considered to have had full force and effect from the day of passing the same; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

All laws passed in the first Session of the Legislature of this Province shall take effect from the day of passing the same.

All laws shall be printed so soon after being passed as may be, by the Government printer.

And Copies of all such laws shall be transmitted to the Governor, & the members of the Legislature, and of the Executive Council.

The Judges and Clerks of the Courts, Sheriffs, Coroners, Justices of the Peace, the Field Officers and Captains of Militia.

One copy only to be transmitted to the same person.

II. And for the general information of the Public, Be it further enacted by the same authority, that all laws which have been or may hereafter be passed, in the Legislature of this Province, under its present Constitution, shall be printed with all convenient speed; after they have received the Assent of His Majesty's Representative, by such printer or printers, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person having the administration of the Government of this Province for the time being, shall employ for that purpose.

III. And as it is expedient, that there should be a further and more ample means of the Public having information of the laws, that have been or may be passed in the Legislature aforesaid, it is also enacted by the same authority, that as soon after the end of each Session as can conveniently be effected, copies of the laws passed therein, so printed in both languages, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, to the members of the Legislature, and of His Majesty's Executive Council, to the Judges and Clerks of the courts, to the Sheriffs, Coroners and Justices of the Peace, to the Field Officers and Captains of Militia, of each parish in this Province, and on the death or dismissal of any Captain of Militia, then the same to be delivered over to his successor in office: Provided always, that only one copy thereof in both languages, shall be transmitted to the same person, at the public expence.

### C A P. I I.

#### An Act to facilitate the Negotiation of *Promissory Notes*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it will tend to the encouragement of trade and commerce within this Province, that the Negotiation of Promissory Notes be facilitated, 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 of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the thirty-first Year of His Majesty's Reign, 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 hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, all Notes in writing, commonly called Promissory Notes, hereafter to be made and signed by any person or persons, or by his, her or their Attorney or Attornies, legally authorized to sign such Promissory Notes for him, her or them; whereby such person or persons, his, her or their Attorney or Attornies, as aforesaid, shall promise to pay to any other person or persons, his, her or their order, any sum of money mentioned in such Promissory Note, shall be taken and construed to be, by virtue thereof, due and payable to any such person or persons to whom the same shall be made payable, and also every such Promissory Note, payable to any person or persons, his, her or their order, shall be assignable and indorseable over to any other person or persons, by an indorsement, or assignment written and signed on such Promissory Note, specifying the date of such indorsement, the name of the person or persons, to whom or to whose order such Note is indorsed, and that such transfer is made for value received; and shall, by every new holder or holders under such indorsement or assignment as aforesaid, be further indorseable and assignable to any other person or persons, in the like manner, as often as the case may require: and that the person or persons to whom such sum of money shall be, by such Promissory Note, made payable, shall and may maintain an action for the same against the person or persons

All Promissory Notes signed by any person, shall be held to be due to the person, to whom made payable.

And all Promissory Notes payable to order, shall be assignable by indorsement, specifying the day of assignment, &c.

And shall be so indorsed on every new transfer thereof.

The payee may maintain an action against the drawer.