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5 George IV – Chapter 5

An Act for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the Printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province. (22d. March, 1825.)

Whereas it is expedient to make more effectual provision for the early circulation of the Printed Copies of the Acts of the Legislature, as soon as possible, after the close of every Session, to the end that the Public may have full information of the Laws enacted therein; 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 hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Legislative Council instead of transmitting the Printed Copies of the Laws passed in the Legislature of this Province, to the several officers having by Law a right to such Printed Copies, to transmit the same with the least possible delay to the Clerks of the Peace for the several Districts in this Province, whose duties it shall be respectively to transmit a sufficient number of the same, to the several Parsonage Houses in the Country Parishes throughout their respective Districts, and to cause Printed Copies of such Laws to be distributed among the Officers having a right to the same residing in the Cities or Towns wherein such Clerks of the Peace respectively reside, as well as to such Officers having a right to such Printed Copies of the Laws as reside in the several Townships with their respective Districts.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Churchwardens in office, (Marguilliers en charge) in each of the Country Parishes throughout the Province, on the first Sunday succeeding the day on which such Printed Copies shall have been left at the Parsonage House of their respective Parishes, to cause public notice to be given at the door of the Parish Church, at the issue of the forenoon Service, that such Printed Copies of the Laws have been left at the Parsonage House, where they may be obtained by the several Officers residing in the Parish, having a right to the same.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province or of his Deputy annually within fifteen days after the close of each and every Session of the Legislature, to transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and to the several Clerks of the Peace in the different Districts of this Province, a list of the several Justices of the Peace in and for the several Districts in this Province. And it shall in like manner be the duty of the Adjutant-General of Militia of the Province, annually, within the like period, to transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and to the several Clerks of the Peace aforesaid, a list of the Officers of Militia by Law entitled to printed copies of the Laws passed in the Legislature.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and no longer.