

Crown with its dues and demands, as fully and effectually as if this Act had never been made.

The privilege not to extend beyond two years from 1st. of June next.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the privilege created by this Act shall not in any case extend nor be construed to extend to any period beyond two years from and after the first day of June next,

C A P. XXVI.

AN ACT to prevent the Fraudulent Seizure and Sale of Lands, and other real property within this Province.

(14th March, 1829.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS great frauds have been and hereafter may be committed with respect to lands and tenements or other real property, situate in the Townships in this Province, by evil designed persons, who, for the purpose of defeating the title of the lawful owner or proprietor of such lands and tenements or other real property, fraudulently cause the same to be seized in execution and sold at Sheriff's sale, without any lawful right so to do, for remedy whereof; 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 if any person or persons, from and after the passing of this Act, shall knowingly, willfully and maliciously cause or procure to be seized and taken in execution any lands and tenements, or other real property situate within any Township or Townships erected, or to be hereafter erected in this Province, not being at the time of such seizure the *boná fide* property of the person or persons against whom or whose

Penalty on persons seizing lands &c. in any Township in this Province, not being the property of the person against whom the execution may have been issued.

whose estate, the execution shall in any case have been issued, knowing the same not to be the property of the person or persons against whom the execution shall have been issued as aforesaid, the person or persons so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable at the discretion of the Court before whom the offender shall be tried and convicted, to be imprisoned for any time not exceeding one year, or to be imprisoned and kept at hard labour in any Common Gaol, House of Correction or Penitentiary, for any term not exceeding six months as to the Court in its discretion shall seem meet.

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II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to debar any person or persons injured by such fraudulent seizure and sale as aforesaid, to have and maintain his or their action in damages against the party offending as aforesaid.

Continuance
of this Act.

III. 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 thirty-two, and no longer.

C A P. XXVII.

AN ACT to prevent fraudulent Debtors evading their Creditors in certain parts of this Province.

(14th March, 1829.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS by reason of the remoteness of divers Townships and Seigniories in this Province, from the several Courts of King's Bench, holding Superior Jurisdiction in the several Districts thereof, insolvent and fraudulent Debtors elude the pursuit of their Creditors, and withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the said Courts, carrying with them out of this Province, their Goods and moveable Effects, before process can be obtained according to the Course of the Laws now in force in this Province, to prevent the escape of such Debtors or to attach their moveable property and effects, thereby causing great and ruinous losses to divers of His Majesty's Subjects: 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