

Court, they shall have appointed for that purpose, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Judges of the Court of King's Bench sitting in and for the District of Saint Francis, may fix a number of days in vacation for taking Enquêtes, and the Provincial Judge vested with the same powers as the Judges of Montreal.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Judges of the Court of King's Bench in and for the inferior District of Saint Francis sitting therein, may appoint a certain number of days in vacation for the taking of Enquêtes in causes pending in the said Court, and that the Provincial Judge of the said Inferior District of Saint Francis shall have all the powers in so far as relates to the taking of Enquêtes in such cases as are by this Act vested in one or more of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal.

Continuance of this Act.

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

C A P. III.

AN Act to amend an Act passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi, and to extend the provisions of the said Act."

[31st March, 1831.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend a certain Act passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missisquoi, and to repeal a certain section of the said Act":—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 the eleventh section of the said Act, passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and intituled, "An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke,

A certain Section of Act 11, Geo. IV. cap. 2, repealed.

“ Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missiskoui,” which said section is in the words following : “ And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every Registrar for each of the aforesaid Counties, shall keep duplicate copies of all such books and alphabetical indexes, as are directed to be kept for each of the Counties aforesaid, by this Act, which every such Registrar or his deputy or clerk, shall on before the thirty-first day of December, in each and every year, convey or cause to be conveyed to the office of the Provincial Secretary, for such purposes as to Justice it may appertain,” shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Persons owning any land or property situate within the said Counties, to enregister the same, before the first of May, 1832.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person owning or claiming to own any landed or immoveable property whatsoever, situate within any of the said Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford, and Missiskoui, by virtue of any Act or Deed in Law, or instrument in writing, executed before the passing of the Act herein cited and amended, except the Letters Patent of His Majesty, shall before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, enregister the same in the Registry office of the County in which such land or immoveable property shall be situate, and every such legal instrument which shall not be so enregistered shall be utterly void and of no effect whatsoever against subsequent purchasers for a valuable consideration.

Provisions of the Act herein before cited and amended, extended to the Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Mégantic.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all the provisions of the Act herein before cited and amended, shall extend to all such lands and other immoveable property as are or shall be hereafter held in free and common soccage in the Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Mégantic.

No Act &c. by which a Mortgage is created to be valid in Law, in the Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Mégantic, unless enregistered.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, no act or deed in law, or instrument in writing, by which a Mortgage or *hypothèque* has been or is created, shall bind or effect as a Mortgage, incumbrance or *hypothèque*, nor shall any Act, Deed, or Instrument in Law, operate or bind as a conveyance, any land or immoveable property situate within any of the said Counties of Ottawa, Beauharnois, and Mégantic, save and except all such land or immoveable property as is or may be held *en titre de fief* within the same, unless the said Act, Deed or Instrument in Law, be enregistered in the Registry Office for the County in which the said land or immoveable property is situate, within one year from and after the passing of this Act.

Continuance
of this Act.

V. 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-eight, and no longer.

C A P. IV.

An Act to exempt from seizure in satisfaction of judgment certain articles therein mentioned.

[31st March, 1831.]

Preamble.

Certain arti-
cles exempt-
ed from seiz-
ure under a
Writ of Exe-
cution.

Not to exempt
from seizure
any effects by
reason of a
Judgment on a
debt contract-
ed before the
passing of this
Act.
Nor for arti-
cles obtained
by reason of
any debt con-
tracted for
money bor-
rowed for the
purchase of
the said Arti-
cles.

Continuance
of this Act.

WHEREAS it is expedient to exempt from seizure in execution of judgments certain effects belonging to Debtors, other than those which have been heretofore exempted therefrom: 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 in all cases wherein a Writ of Execution shall be issued upon any Judgment obtained in any Court in this Province after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Sheriff or other officer executing such Writ, to seize every cow, sheep and hog, nor every stove, nor all the fire-wood belonging to the debtor against whom such judgment shall have been rendered, but that one cow, three sheep, one hog, one single stove, and one cord of fire-wood, belonging to such debtor, and which he may select out of any larger number of them he may have, shall be, and they are hereby exempted from liability to seizure in satisfaction of such judgment. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to exempt from seizure any of the articles or effects in this Act mentioned, by reason of any Judgment obtained upon any debt contracted before the passing of this Act: And provided also, that the said several articles or effects in this Act mentioned, shall not be exempt from seizure upon any Judgment obtained by reason of any debt contracted for money borrowed for the purchase of the said articles or effects.

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

C A P.