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1 William IV – Chapter 4

An Act to exempt from seizure in satisfaction of judgment certain articles therein mentioned. (31st March, 1831.)

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, belongings 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.