

C A P. XXXII.

AN ACT for vacating the Seats of Members of the Assembly in certain cases therein-mentioned.

18th March, 1834.—Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

15th August, 1834.—Assented to by His Majesty in Council.

7th January, 1835.—The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

Preamble.

Any member of the Assembly of this Province accepting any office of profit, or an appointment from the crown whereby he becomes accountable for public money, his election to be void, and his seat to be vacant, and a writ to issue for a new election.

Such person capable to be re-elected.

Not to extend to any member of the Assembly being an officer in His Majesty's Navy or Army, or in the Militia

WHEREAS it is expedient in certain cases to make void the Election, and to vacate the seats of persons elected to serve as Representatives in the Assembly of this Province:—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 chosen and returned as a Representative or Member in the Assembly of this Province, shall accept of any office of profit from the Crown, or accept as a Commissioner or otherwise, any appointment from the Crown, whereby he shall become accountable for any public money, his Election shall be void, and the seat of such Member shall thereafter become and be vacant, and a Writ shall forthwith issue for a new Election, as if such person so accepting such office, commission or appointment as aforesaid, were naturally dead : Provided always, that such person shall nevertheless be as capable of being re-elected to serve as a Representative or Member of the Assembly during the same or any ensuing Parliament, as if his Election had not been made void, and his seat become vacant as aforesaid.

II. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Member of the House of Assembly, being an officer in His Majesty's Navy or Army, or in the Militia of this Province, who shall be appointed or receive any new Commission in the

of this Province, receiving any new commission therein.

the Navy or Army or in the Militia of this Province respectively, excepting only Officers on the Staff of the Militia receiving permanent salaries.

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An Act to authorize the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

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Preamble.

WHEREAS divers loyal subjects of His Majesty, being Inhabitants of this Province, have by their Petition represented the great advantages that would arise from the introduction into this Province of the principle of mutual insurance against losses by fire, and have prayed the interference of the Legislature to enable them to bring the said principle into effective operation:—And whereas it hath been made apparent that the said representation is well founded and that it is expedient that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted:—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 it shall at any time be lawful for any ten Freeholders in any county in this Province, to call a meeting of the freeholders of the county (and of any one, or of any two adjoining counties if they shall think it necessary) for the purpose of considering whether it be expedient to establish in such county or counties a Fire Insurance Company on the principle of Mutual Insurance: Provided always, that such meeting shall be called by an advertisement mentioning the time, place and object of such meeting, and published and posted on the door of the Church of each Parish, Seigniorly or Township within such county or counties, on one Sunday or Holiday immediately after divine service in the forenoon, and inserted during three weeks immediately preceding the meeting, in
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Ten freeholders in a county in this Province, authorised to call a meeting of the freeholders of said county to consider whether it be expedient to establish therein a mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Such meeting how to be called.