

## CAP. I.

An Ordinance to declare and ascertain the period when the Laws and Ordinances made and passed by the Governor, or Person authorized to execute the Commission of Governor, and Special Council of this Province, shall take effect.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the period, from which the Laws or Ordinances of the Governor, or Person authorized to execute the Commission of Governor, and Special Council for the affairs of this Province, are to have operation and effect, should be declared and ascertained ; Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the Commission of the Governor thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada ;*"—And it is hereby ordained, and enacted by the authority of the same, that the Clerk of the Special Council for the affairs of this Province, or, in his necessary absence, the Assistant Clerk of the said Special Council, shall, on every Law or Ordinance which shall hereafter pass or be made by the Governor, or Person authorized to execute the Commission of Governor of this Province, with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of this Province, state under his signature, as such Clerk, or Assistant Clerk, immediately after the signature of the Governor, or Person authorized, as aforesaid, the day, month, and year when the same shall have passed, and shall have been assented to by the Governor, or Person authorized to execute the Commission of Governor of the said Province, and shall have had the Great Seal of the said Province affixed ; and such statement, under such signature, shall be taken to be a part of every such Law or Ordinance, and the day, month, and year, in such statement mentioned, shall be the date of its commencement, when no other period of commencement shall be declared or provided, in and by such Law or Ordinance.

Laws and Ordinances to take effect from the date on which they shall have been assented to by the Governor, &c.

**J. COLBORNE.**

Ordained

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and Passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the twenty-third day of April, in the first year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk Special Council.

## CAP. II.

An Ordinance to authorize the apprehending and detention of Persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, and to suspend for a limited time, as to such persons, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS divers Persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, are detained in Prison, or in custody in this Province, and it is highly expedient and necessary that means should be provided for the more easily apprehending and more secure detention of such persons for a limited time, and of others who may be suspected or charged with such crimes. Therefore, for the better preservation of the Peace, and of the Laws and Liberties of this Province :—Be it Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the Commission of the Governor thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, “ *An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada* ;”—and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that all or any person or persons that are or shall be in prison or otherwise in custody in this Province, at or upon the day of the making and passing of this Ordinance, or after, by any warrant for

Persons in  
custody on  
charges of  
high treason,