

C H A P. XI.

An Act to prevent CERTAIN MEETINGS within this Province.

[Passed 27th November, 1818.]

Preamble

WHEREAS, the election or appointment of Assemblies, purporting to represent the people, or any description of the people, under the presence of deliberating upon matters of public concern, or of preparing or presenting Petitions, Complaints, Remonstrances, and Declarations, and other Addresses to the King, or to both or either Houses of Parliament, for alteration of matters established by Law, or redress of alledged grievances in Church or State, may be made use of to serve the ends of factious and seditious persons, to the violation of the Public Peace, and manifest encouragement of Riot, Tumult, and Disorder; It is hereby 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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, '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 by the authority of the same, That all such Assemblies, Committees, or other bodies of persons, elected or otherwise constituted or appointed, shall be held and taken to be unlawful assemblies, and that all persons giving or publishing notice of the election to be made of such persons or delegates, or attending, voting, or acting therein by any means, are guilty of a high misdemeanor; *Provided always*, That nothing in this Act contained shall impede the just exercise of the undoubted right of His Majesty's Subjects to petition the King or Parliament for redress of any public or private grievance.

Assemblies held for certain purposes, declared to be unlawful, and persons giving notice thereof or acting therein, held guilty of a high misdemeanor.

Not to interfere with the just exercise of the right of petitioning.

C H A P. XII.

An Act for vesting in Commissioners the ESTATES of certain TRAITORS, and also the Estates of persons declared ALIENS, by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to declare certain persons therein described ALIENS, and to vest their ESTATES in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the Losses which His Majesty's Subjects have sustained in consequence of the late War, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Claims thereupon.*"

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54th Geo. 3. c9, re-cited.

WHEREAS, by the operation of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to