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The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the fourth session of the of the Special Council, begun and holden at the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Lower Canada, fourteenth day of February, 1839. Quebec: John Carleton Fisher & William Kemble, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1839.

2 Victoria – Chapter 28 (Session 4)

An Ordinance to exempt certain articles from seizure in satisfaction of debts.

Whereas it is expedient that not only the Beds and Bedding and necessary Wearing Apparel of Debtors, but likewise the Beds and Bedding and necessary Wearing Apparel of their Families, and certain other property required for the subsistence of such Debtors and their Families, should be exempted from seizure, under writs of execution against such Debtors:— Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, 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 in all cases wherein a writ of execution shall be issued, upon any judgment obtained in any Court in this Province, it shall not be lawful for the Sheriff, or other officer executing such writ, to seize the Bed or Bedding, or the necessary Wearing Apparel of the Debtor, or of his or her family; nor shall such Sheriff or Officer seize every Cow, Sheep, and Hog, nor every Stove, or all the Firewood belonging to such Debtor; but one Cow, three Sheep, one Hog, one Stove, and one Cord of Firewood, to be selected by such Debtor out of any larger number he may have, shall be exempt from seizure under any such writ: Provided always, that no Cow, Sheep, Hog, Stove, or Firewood shall be exempt from seizure, in satisfaction of any debt contracted for the same, or for money borrowed to pay for it.

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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 March, in the second 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, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine.

By His Excellency's Command, W. B. LINDSAY, Clerk Special Council.