
T H E
P R O V I N C I A L S T A T U T E S
O F
L O W E R - C A N A D A .

Anno Regni GEORGII III. Tricesimo Sexto.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

GUY LORD DORCHESTER GOVERNOR.

AT the Provincial Parliament, begun and holden at *Quebec*, the seventeenth day of December, *Anno Domini* one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, in the thirty-third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland* KING, Defender of the faith, &c.

And from thence continued by several Prorogations to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, being the fourth Session of the first Provincial Parliament of LOWER-CANADA.

C A P. I.

AN ACT to declare and ascertain the Period when the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province shall take effect.

[30th JANUARY, 1796.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the period from which the Laws of this Province are to have operation and effect, should be precisely ascertained, 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 the Clerk of the Legislative Council of this Province, shall indorse on every Act of the Provincial Parliament which shall hereafter pass, immediately after the Title of such Act, the day, month and year, when the same shall have passed, and shall have been assented to in his Majesty's name by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government. And in each and every case, where any Bill shall have been reserved for the Signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, that the day, month and year, on which the Governor,

Lieutenant

Clerk Legislative Council to indorse on every Act the time it receives the Governor's assent.

When any Bill is reserved for His Majesty's pleasure, the period when the Governor shall

signify His Majesty's assent shall be the time of its commencement where no other is provided.

Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, shall signify, either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same, shall be indorsed thereon, and such indorsement shall be taken to be a part of such Act, and to be the date of its Commencement, where no other commencement shall be therein provided.

Acts passed since the first Session of the present Legislature to take effect from the day of their having been passed.

II. And whereas doubts may arise, respecting the period from which the Acts passed since the first Session of the present Legislature, should take effect, be it therefore further enacted and declared, that all such Acts as have passed since the first Session of the present Legislature, shall take effect from the day on which the same have been passed respectively, unless otherwise specially provided in any of the said Acts, any Law or usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.

C. A. P. II.

AN ACT for indemnifying all persons who have been concerned in Advising and carrying into execution an Order or Proclamation of the Governor in Council of the Ninth day of September last, respecting an Embargo on all Vessels laden or to be laden in whole or in part with Wheat, Pease, Oats, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour and Biscuit, for preventing suits in consequence of the same, and for making further provision relative thereto.

[30th JANUARY, 1796.]

Preamble.

Order of the Governor in Council recited.

WHEREAS the Governor in Council by an Order or Proclamation bearing date the Ninth day of September of this Present year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, was pleased to order that an Embargo should be laid from and after the Tenth day of September of this present year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, upon all ships then laden or to be thereafter laden in whole or in part, with Wheat, Pease, Oats, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour and Biscuit, from and after that day, and to continue until the Tenth day of December then next. And whereas the said order or Proclamation cannot be justified by Law, but was so much for the service of the Public, and so necessary for the welfare, safety and preservation of His Majesty's Subjects, that the same ought to be justified by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, and all Persons issuing, advising or acting under or in obedience to the said Order and Proclamation respectively, indemnified; 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 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 all personal actions and suits, indictments, informations, and all prosecutions and proceedings whatsoever, which may have been and shall be prosecuted or commenced against any person or persons for or by reason of any act, matter or thing, advised, commanded, appointed or done, or forbore to be done, in relation to the said Order and Proclamation, or of any contract or agreement not performed by reason or by means of or in obedience to such order of the Governor in Council, be, are and shall

All suits for Acts done under the said Order to be discharged.