

C A P. XII.

AN ACT to authorize the apprehending of Felons and others escaping from the Provinces of Upper Canada and New Brunswick into this Province.

(7th. May, 1796.)

Preamble.

Persons against whom warrants have issued escaping from the Provinces of Upper Canada or New Brunswick, may be apprehended in this Province.

WHEREAS it may happen that Felons and other Malefactors having committed crimes in his Majesty's Provinces of Upper Canada or New Brunswick, may escape into this Province, and their Offences thereby remain unpunished, for want of a Provision by Law for apprehending such Offenders in this Province, and transmitting them into the Province in which their Offences were committed, for remedy whereof; 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 from and after the passing of this Act, if any person or persons against whom a Warrant shall be issued by the Chief Justice or any other Justice of the Court of King's Bench, or any Justice of the Peace acting in either of His Majesty's Provinces of Upper Canada or New Brunswick respectively; for any crime or offence against the Laws of either of the said Provinces, shall escape, come into, reside or be in any part of this Province, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of the District, County, City or Place, where such person or persons shall escape, come into, reside or be, to indorse his name on the said Warrant, due proof being first made of the hand writing of the Magistrate issuing the same, which Warrant so indorsed shall be a sufficient authority to the person or persons bringing such Warrant, and to all persons to whom such Warrant was originally directed, and also to all Constables of the District, County, City or Place; where such Warrant shall be so indorsed, to execute the same by apprehending the person or persons against whom such Warrant is granted, and to convey him, her or them into the Province from which such Warrant originally was issued, and before one of the Justices of the Peace acting within the said Province, to be there dealt with according to Law.