

## C A P. V.

AN ACT to continue an Act passed in the thirty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to provide Returning Officers for Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, to serve in Assembly.*"

[2d. May, 1797.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act passed in the thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to provide Returning Officers for Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, to serve in Assembly,*" will expire on the twenty-sixth day of the month of December in the present Year; And whereas it is necessary to continue the said Act; 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 the said Act of the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, and every part thereof, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, are by the present Act continued until the last day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and no longer.

Act 33 Geo. III  
Cap. VIII conti-  
nued.

## C A P. VI.

AN ACT for the better preservation of His Majesty's Government as by Law happily established in this Province.

[2d. May, 1797.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary to defend and secure His Majesty's good and loyal subjects against every traitorous attempt that may be formed for subverting the existing Laws and constitution of this Province of Lower-Canada, and for introducing the horrible system of Anarchy and confusion, which has so fatally prevailed in France; therefore and for the better preservation of His Majesty's Government, and for securing the Peace, the Constitution, Laws and Liberties of the said Province; Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said 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 every person or persons who are or shall be in prison within this Province of Lower-Canada, at or upon the day on which this Act shall receive His Majesty's Royal Assent or after, by warrant of His said Majesty's Executive Council of and for the said Province, signed by three of the said Executive Council, for High Treason, misprison of High Treason, suspicion of High Treason or Treasonable practices;

Persons committed by the Executive Council for High Treason, &c. may be detained in Custody until the 1st. of May, 1798.