

C A P. III.

AN Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to extend the period by Law prescribed, for making the Returns of Members to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of *Gaspé*.

(5th April, 1802.)

Preamble.
Act 31st. Geo.
III. Cap. XXXI.
recited.

Governor im-
powered to ex-
tend the period
in which Writs
of Election are
returnable for
Members of As-
sembly for the
County of *Gaspé*.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, in the thirty first year of His present 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," it is enacted, that the Writs directed to the respective Returning Officers of the several Districts or Counties or Circles and Towns or Townships, in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, shall be made returnable within fifty days at furthest from the day on which the same shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided, by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors. And Whereas from the remote and local situation of the County of *Gaspé*, it has been found from experience, that the fifty days so by Law prescribed, for making the returns aforesaid are insufficient for that purpose: 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 and under the authority of the aforesaid 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 it shall and may be lawful, for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, to extend the period in which any Writ for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of *Gaspé* aforesaid, shall be made returnable, to a number, not exceeding one hundred Days, from the day on which the Writs of Election, for the aforesaid County of *Gaspé*, shall hereafter be dated, any Law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.