

C A P. VI.

AN ACT to continue, for a limited time, an Act passed in the fortieth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to give further powers to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious diseases in this Province.*"

(2d. May, 1804.)

Preamble.

Act 40th Geo.
III. Cap. 5. con-
tinued.

WHEREAS an Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province in the fortieth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to give further powers to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious diseases in this Province,*" which Act is to have continuance only until the end of the present Session of the Legislature; and Whereas it is expedient and necessary further 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 the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of 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, intituled, "*An Act to give further powers to the Executive Government to prevent the introduction or spreading of infectious or contagious diseases in this Province,*" and all matters and things therein contained, shall continue and be in force until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eight, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

C A P. VII.

AN ACT for the more easy administration of Oaths to Witnesses before the Grand-Jury.

(2d May, 1804)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it will contribute to the dispatch of business in Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, that Oaths to Witnesses before the Grand Jury should be administered without recurring to the Court 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

The Foreman of the Grand Jury empowered to administer, in their presence, the usual oath to Persons appearing as Witnesses before them. The said Oath to be binding in Law.

sembled 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 it shall and may be lawful in all Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction to and for the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and he is hereby empowered and required to administer in the presence of the Grand Jury the usual Oath to such persons as shall appear as Witnesses before the Grand Jury, and such Oath so administered shall be as valid and binding in Law, as if the same had been administered by the Court, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

C A P. VIII.

AN ACT for the further encouragement of the Culture of Hemp in this Province.

(2d. May, 1804.)

Preamble.

Governor empowered to apply £2000. for the advancement of the Culture of Hemp.

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada having taken into our most serious consideration the expediency of granting further encouragement to promote the Culture of Hemp in this Province: May it please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government for the time being, out of any unappropriated monies that now are or may be in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, to apply a further sum not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds, Current money of this Province, to enable the Inhabitants to enter on the culture of Hemp with facility and advantage, and the said sum herein appropriated shall be applied in such manner and under such regulations as His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government for the time being shall judge most expedient for promoting the ends of this Act.

Application of the money to be

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the said sum of money pursuant to the directions of this Act, shall be accounted for