

Act 43 Geo. III.  
cap. 2. continued.

“ *Subjects of his Majesty, who have resided in France coming into this Province or residing therein,*” which Act will expire at the end of this Session. And whereas it is expedient and necessary that the said Act be continued, 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 said Act, intituled, “ *An Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens and certain Subjects of his Majesty, who have resided in France coming into this Province or residing therein,*” and all matters and things therein contained, shall continue to be in force, until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

### C A P. V.

An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the loan of Seed -Wheat, Corn and other necessary Grain.

[25th March, 1805.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS many Farmers distressed by the short harvest of the last year, have consumed for their support during the present year, what was necessary for their next Seed and such as are able to spare Seed, for their supplies, may not be willing to trust it to the poorer inhabitants, without indisputable security for the payment thereof at the next ensuing harvest : In tenderness therefore to the distressed, 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 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 any contract or agreement which shall, after the passing of this Act, and before the first day of July next, be *bona fide* made in writing, for supplies of Wheat, Peas, Oats or any other Seed Corn or Potatoes, in the presence of a Public Notary or one of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace, or a Curate of any Parish, or a Captain of the Militia, and one other credible Witness, for any quantity of Seed-Corn, not exceeding

Contracts and Agreements that shall be made after the passing of this Act and before 1st. July next for the supplies of Wheat &c. deemed

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ceeding forty *minots* of Wheat, and thirty *minots* of other Bread Corn or Grain, nor twenty *minots* of Potatoes to any one buyer or borrower, his debt therefor shall in all Courts be deemed, and adjudged to be a privileged debt, with the benefit of preference to the Vendor or Lender, before any other Creditor, for any demand of any kind whatsoever, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Saving nevertheless to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, all the rights of the Crown, with its dues and demands, as fully and effectually, as if this Act had never been made.

## C A P. VI.

AN ACT for applying the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of his Majesty's Receiver General, towards the improvement of the inland navigation of this Province."

(25th March, 1805.)

### MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WHEREAS the improvement of the inland navigation, would be of essential benefit to Upper and Lower Canada, by facilitating and increasing the commerce of both Provinces, and in consequence, the external navigation thereof would be extended, and whereas it is at present impossible from the nature of the rapids in the river Saint Lawrence, to calculate the expence which may be requisite for effectual improvement in that respect, but it being desirable and proper, that an experiment should be made upon the rapids, below La Chine, in order to ascertain the practicability of such improvement, and to furnish the means of making a calculation, or estimate of the probable general expence thereof; May it therefore 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 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 it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, to nominate and appoint three Commissioners, by an Instrument under his hand and Seal at Arms, and to them or to any two of them, to issue by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, directed to his Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, a sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole, one thousand Pounds, current money, out of any unappropriated monies which now are or hereafter may be

Governor empowered to appoint three Commissioners and to issue to them, by warrant a sum not exceeding £1000.