

In suits pending or afterwards commenced respectively Acts, Contracts, &c. made in writing *sous seings privé* prior to the passing of Act 48, Geo. 3, or since, to have the same force and effect as if that Act had not been made.

said Statute, before the passing of the same could be known in many parts of the Province, from the distance of the residence of Notaries in certain parts and for several other causes, many persons have *bona fide*, continued after the passing of the said Act, to enter into, as formerly, certain Acts, Contracts or Agreements, which cannot be refused to be admitted as evidence in Law without the most serious inconveniencies, and causing the greatest losses and disorder in the concerns of many persons; for remedy whereof, Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, that in all suits or actions now pending or which may hereafter be commenced in any of the Courts of Justice of this Province, all Acts, Contracts, Obligations or Agreements made in writing, "*sous seing privé*," which by the Laws of the country might, prior to the said Act of the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, have been produced and proved in Court, and which after the passing thereof, have been drawn up in writing, "*sous seing privé*," shall, in all cases whatever, have the same force and effect and may be produced and proved in all Courts of Justice of this Province, in the same manner and form as if the said Statute of the forty-eighth year of His Majesty, had never been passed.

C. A P. XIV.

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."

(19th May, 1812.)

Preamble.
Act 40, Geo. 3.
continued.

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 unto 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 May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and no longer.