

## C A P. VI.

An Act to continue for a limited time An Act passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holydays in the Country Parishes of this Province.

(19<sup>th</sup> May, 1812.)

Preamble.

Act 48, Geo. 3.  
cap. 16, continu-  
ed.

WHEREAS An Act was passed by the Legislature of this Province in the forty eighth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holydays in the Country parishes of this Province,*" Which act will only continue in force to the end of the present Session of the Legislature, and it being expedient and necessary that the said act should 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 to provide for the maintenance of good order on Sundays and Holydays in the Country Parishes of this Province*" and all matters and things therein contained, shall continue and be in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and no longer.

## C A P. VII.

An Act for limiting the time during which penal actions may be brought in the Courts of this Province.

(19<sup>th</sup> May, 1812.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS the want of a law limiting the time during which penal actions may be brought in this Province may cause the most serious inconveniences and daily occasion grievous suits against His Majesty's subjects in this province and abuses which it is essentially necessary to prevent; 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

Limitation of  
Actions, Suits or  
Informations,

“ 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 aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this act, all actions, suits, or informations which shall be brought or exhibited in this Province for any forfeiture on any statute or Law penal, made or to be made whereby the forfeiture is or shall be limited to the King, His Heirs or Successors only, shall be brought or exhibited within two years next after the offence committed or to be committed against such statute or Law penal, and not after two years; and that all actions, suits, or informations which, from and after the passing of this act, shall be brought or commenced for any forfeiture upon any penal statute or Law made, or to be made the benefit and suit whereof is or shall by the said statute or Law be limited to the King, His Heirs or Successors and to any other person who shall prosecute in that behalf, shall be brought or commenced by such other person that may lawfully sue for such forfeiture as aforesaid within one year next after the offence committed or to be committed against the said statute or Law; and in default of any Action or suit by such person, that then the same shall be brought or instituted for the King, His Heirs or Successors at any time within two years after that year ended, and of any Action, suit or information for any offence against any penal statute or Law made or to be made shall be brought after the time in the behalf limited as aforesaid, that then the same shall be void and of no effect, any Law made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso

II. Provided always that nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prolong or extend in any manner the time or delay for the commencement of any Action or suit in virtue of any penal statute which has fixed or prescribed or might hereafter fix and prescribe, a shorter time than that hereby limited.

### C A P. VIII.

An Act to secure the liberty of the Subject, by extending the Powers of His Majesty’s Courts of Law, in this Province, as to writs of *Habeas Corpus ad Subjiciendum*, and as to the means of enforcing obedience to such writs.

(19th May, 1812.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS the writ of *Habeas Corpus ad Subjiciendum*, hath been found by experience to be the most expeditious and effectual method of restoring any person to his liberty, who hath been unjustly deprived thereof, and whereas extending the remedy of such writ, enforcing obedience thereunto, preventing delays in the execution thereof, and ascertaining the proceedings thereupon, will be greatly beneficial to the subject: Be it therefore declared and enacted by the King’s