A PROVINCIAL STATUTE

OF

LOWER-CANADA.

Anno Regni GEORGII III. Quinquagesimo Quinto.

HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BART.

GOVERNOR IN CHIEF.

A T the Provincial Parliament, begun and holden at Quebec, the Twenty first day of January. Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, in the fifty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith." &c.

" Being the First Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada."

CAP. I.

AN ACT for reviving and continuing for a limited time, and amending two several Acts therein mentioned for better regulating the Militia of this Province.

(8th March, 1815.)

Preamble.

HEREAS an Act was made and passed in the Forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and for repealing certain acts or Ordinances therein mentioned," which Act was Continued and Amended by another Act made and passed in the fifty-second

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52d Geo: 111, rccited.

Acts 43, Geo. 3, cap. I. and 52d. Geo. 3, cap. 1. revived and continned to 1st May 1816, except, as to any provisions, &c. that have been altered by Act 52d Geo. S. cap. 1.

Acts 43d and fif y-second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to Continue for a limited time and Amend an Act passed in the Forty-third year of His Majesty's Reign. intituled, " An All for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and to " repeal certain Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned," which two herein recited Acts have expired: And whereas it is expedient that the faid Acts should be revived and continued for a limited time, and amended: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Confent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and affembled 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 fame, that the faid Act herein before recited made and passed in the forty third year of the Reign of His Majesty, and all the clauses. provisions, powers, authorities, directions and regulations therein contained, (except as to any fuch provisions, regulations, clauses, matters and things as are by the said herein before recited Act made and passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, altered, amended, or repealed) and also the said herein before recited Act made and passed in the fifty second year of His Majesty's Reign, an I all the clauses, provisions, powers, authorities, directions and regulations therein contained, (except as to any provision, regulation, claule, matter, or thing therein contained, which is hereby altered, amended and repealed) shall be and remain in full force until the first day of May, one thouland eight hundred and lixteen, in as full and ample a manner to all intents and purpoles, as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in the body of this Act, and that all and every Act and deed, matter and thing which shall have been done, performed or executed in virtue of the said Acts, or of either of them, from and after the expiration thereof, is and are hereby declared to be as good, valid and effectual to and for all intents and purpoles whatfoever, as if the faid Acts or either of them had not expired; Provided always, that if at the time hereby limited for the expiration of this Act, the Province be in a state of Infurrection, or Invafion, or imminent danger thereof, or if war shall have been declared or commenced between Great Britain and the United States of America, the above recited Acts and the Acts and this Act present Act shall continue and be in force until the end of such war, invasion or infurrection.

In case of war, &c. the former continued.

Substitutes allowed under certain conditions.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforefaid, that the fourteenth Section of the Act herein before recited, passed in the silty-second year of His Majesty's reign is hereby repealed, and that hereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for every Militia man drawn by lot for service, in any detachment as aforesaid, to present, at the place of rendez-vous of the District, Division or Battalion, to which he shall have been ordered, a good and sufficient Substitute, subject to the approbation of the Field Officer there commanding, and on fuch approbation, and on the faid Subflitute

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agreeing before the said Field Officer to take the tour of duty which had fallen to the lot of the Militia man presenting him, or in whose place he shall have been commanded, the said Militia man shall be discharged thereform, and considered to have taken and performed the same, and the Substitute shall perform the said tour of duty in the same manner and under the same penalties as if he had been drawn by lot, and after the expiration of the said service, he shall be liable to draw in his own turn, in the company to which he belongs, in like manner, as if no turn of duty had been by him personmed.