

## C A P. XXI.

AN Act for the Establishment of Fairs, in this Province.

(22d. March, 1823.)

Preamble:

**W**HEREAS the Establishment of Fairs, in the several Districts of this Province, may essentially promote the interests of Agriculture; 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 during the continuance of this Act, there may be held at any time in the months of March and September, of each and every year, in the several Districts of this Province, at such places and on such days as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by a Proclamation, may appoint for the purpose, a Fair or Fairs, under such rules and regulations as the Justices of the Peace for the several Districts, in their Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, may thereunto specially provide. Provided always, that such Proclamation shall appoint the place and time of holding such Fair or Fairs for and during the continuance of this Act, and shall bear date and be issued at least two months immediately preceding the time appointed for such Fair or Fairs.

Fairs may be held in the several Districts of this Province, at such places and times as Governor may by Proclamation, under certain regulations to be made by the Justices of the Peace, in their Courts of Quarter Sessions. Proclamation to be issued two months before holding such Fairs.

No rule or regulation of Justices to be in force until approved by the Court of King's Bench.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no rule or regulation that may be made, in virtue of this Act, shall have force or effect, unless the same shall be approved by the Court of King's Bench for the District for which the same shall have been made, in Term, or by two Justices of the Court of King's Bench for such District, in vacation, nor until the same shall have been published in the public Newspapers, printed and published in the District where such Fair shall be held, and by an advertisement posted up at the door of the church or churches of the parish where such Fair is to be held.

III.

No rule to have force, after expiration of this Act and no penalty to exceed 40 shillings.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no such rule or regulation shall have force or effect after the expiration of this Act, and that no penalty that may be imposed in virtue of the same, shall exceed the sum of forty shillings, current money of this Province.

Fines how to be recovered.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fines and penalties that may be incurred for offences against any rule or regulation that may be made, in virtue of this Act, shall be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace, resident in the parish or county where the offence shall have been committed, and in case of default by any offender, to pay and satisfy the amount in which he shall have been condemned, the same shall be levied upon the goods and chattels of the offender, in virtue of a Warrant to that effect, under the hand of the Justice of the Peace, before whom the conviction shall have been made.

Fines or Penalties, how to be levied and how reserved.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fines or penalties that shall, at any time hereafter be levied, under and in virtue of this Act, shall (after deducting one half, which shall go to the prosecutor or informer) be, and the same are hereby reserved to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the public uses of the Province, and for the support of the Civil Government thereof; and the due application of the same shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form, as His Majesty shall be pleased to direct.

Saving of the King's Rights.

VI. Provided always, and it is declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to affect in any manner or way, any right or prerogative of the Crown whatsoever.

Continuance of this Act.

VII. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and no longer.