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55 George III – Chapter 1

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.)

Whereas 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 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 for the better regulation of the Militia of this Province, and to repeal certain Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned,'" which two herein recited Act have expired: And whereas it is expedient that, the said 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 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 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 such 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said herein before recited Act made and passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, altered, amended, or repealed) and all of the said herein before recited Act made and passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, and all the clauses, provisions, powers, authorities, directions and regulations therein contained, (except as to any provision, regulation, clause, matter, or thing therein contained, which is hereby altered, amended and repealed) shall be and remain in full force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in as full and ample a manner to all intents and purposes, 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 purposes whatsoever, as if the said 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 Insurrection, or Invasion, 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 present Act shall continue and be in force until the end of such war, invasion or insurrection.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fourteenth Section of the Act herein before recited, passed in the fifty-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 such approbation, and on the said Substitute 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 therefrom, 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 performed.