Anno Quinto VICTORIÆ Reginæ.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to limit the duration of the Assembly, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 29th March 1842.

HEREAS it is expedient to limit the duration of the General Assembly Preamble. 'in this Province;'

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the twenty third section of an Act made and passed in the thirty first 31 G. 3, c. 17, s. 23, year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled An Act for and regulating Elections for Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province; and also so much of the third section of 31 G. 3, c. 17, s. 3, the same Act, as relates to the qualifications of candidates or persons to be chosen as Members of the Assembly; and also the first section of an Act made and passed 9 W. 4, c. 36, s. 1, in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, repealed. intituled An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, be and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That no person shall be capable of being elected a qualification of Member of the Assembly of this Province, who shall not be legally seized as of Members of sembly. freehold for his own use and benefit of Lands or Tenements within the Province, of the value of three hundred pounds currency, over and above all Rents, Mortgages, Judgments, Executions or Extents, charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and shall have been seized of such Lands or Tenements six months previous to the teste of the Writ for such Election; and that every Candidates if Candidate at any Election of Representatives in the General Assembly before he quired to testify to qualification. shall be capable of being elected, shall, if required by any other Candidate or any Elector, or by the Sheriff or Officer holding such Election, make before the said

Sheriff or other Officer the following declaration:—

'I, A. B. do declare and testify that I am duly seized as of freehold for my own Form. ' use and benefit of Lands or Tenements in the Province of New Brunswick, of the 'value of three hundred pounds currency, over and above all Rents, Mortgages, ' Judgments, Executions and Extents charged upon or due and payable out of or

'affecting the same, and that I have been seized of such Lands or Tenements for the period of six months previous to the teste of the Writ for this Election.

III. And be it enacted, That if any person shall knowingly and wilfully make False Declaration a a false declaration respecting his qualification as a Candidate, at any Election as misdemeanor, and punishable as such. aforesaid, such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer the like pains and penalties as by law are incurred by persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, in the County in which such false declaration shall have been made.

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IV. And be it enacted, That every General Assembly of this Province hereafter definited to four years to be summoned and chosen, shall, notwithstanding any demise of the Crown, continue for four years from the day of the return of the Writs for choosing the same, and no longer, subject nevertheless to be sooner prorogued or dissolved by the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in Act suspended until Her Majesty's approbation be had. V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or large probation be had. Force until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

> This Act was specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted by an Order of the Queen in Council, dated the 11th day of August, 1842, and published and declared in the Province on the 7th day of September, 1842.

CAP. XLII.

An Act to increase the Representation of the County of Restigouche.

Passed 29th March 1842.

Preamble.

HEREAS the increase of population, commercial advancement and 'progressive improvement of the County of Restigouche, render it 'expedient and just to increase the Representation of the said County in the 'General Assembly of this Province;'

County of Restigouche to send one to serve in General Assembly.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and gouene to send one additional Member Assembly, That the said County of Restigouche shall be entitled to send one additional Member to serve in General Assembly of this Province for the said County, to be elected by the Freeholders in the said County, in like manner and subject to the like Laws, Rules and Regulations, under which the other Members No Writ to issue are elected in the several Counties in this Province respectively: Provided always, until there be a substitute of the literature of the li that no Writ shall issue for the election of such Member, until there shall be a General Election for the Province.

General Election.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in force until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

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This Act was specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted by an Order of the Queen in Council, dated the 11th day of August, 1842, and published and declared in the Province on the 7th day of September, 1842.

CAP. XLIII.

An Act relating to Bankruptcy in this Province.

Passed 4th April 1842.

Preamble.

6 THEREAS a due regard to the interest and security of Creditors, as well 'as to the relief of Debtors in insolvent circumstances, renders it 'necessary to make Legislative provision respecting the same;'

Commissioners of the Estates of Bankrupts in certain Counties to be appointed.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint for each of the following Counties in this Province, that is to say—the County of Northumberland, the County of Carleton, the County of York, the County of Charlotte. and the City and County of Saint John, one person, being a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Province, of not less than five years standing. to be Commissioner in the said Counties and City and County respectively, of the