

## C H A P. III.

An ACT to establish the Winchester Measure, and a Standard for other Weights and Measures throughout this Province.

**W**HEREAS an uniformity of weights and measures is much desired in this province, Be it 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 Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled, an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "An act for making more effectual provisions for the government of the province of Quebec, in North-America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, there shall be one just beam or balance, one certain weight and measure, and one yard, according to the standard of his majesty's exchequer in England, used throughout this province, and whoever shall keep any other weight, measure or yard whereby any corn, grain, or other thing is bought or sold, shall forfeit for every offence two pounds, Quebec currency, being thereof convicted before any two justices of the peace, to be levied by distress and sale of the offenders goods, one half of which penalty shall be paid to the informer or informers, and the other half to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the public use of the said province and towards the support of the government thereof.

Preamble.

Standard for weights and measures.

Penalty for not complying.

How levied and applied.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the day above mentioned, there shall be appointed certain judicious persons in every district throughout this province, by the magistrates in quarter sessions assembled, in and for such district, to ascertain the bushel, half bushel, or other measures by which grain or other dry articles shall be bought or sold, and who shall mark and seal such bushel, half bushel or other measure with the letters and figures G. III. R. and receive for the same the sum of four-pence Quebec currency, without which letters and figures, no measure for grain or other dry articles shall be used for the purposes aforesaid under the penalty above mentioned.

Persons appointed to mark measures.

How marked. Penalty.

III. Provided always, That this act, and the provisions and penalties therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to the Western district in this province until the twenty-fifth day of October, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

When this act commences in the Western District.

## C H A P. IV.

An ACT to abolish the Summary Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas in actions under Ten Pounds Sterling.

**W**HEREAS the introduction of the trial by jury hath materially altered the constitution of the courts of common pleas, held for the trial of causes under the value of ten pounds sterling, so that their times of sitting and forms of process must become manifestly inconvenient, Be it enacted by the kings most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act for making more effectual provisions for the government of the province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, all causes of

Preamble.

How to proceed in actions above 40s.

actions that exceed in value the sum of forty shillings, Quebec currency, shall be commenced and proceeded in at the same times and in the same manner as is directed for the trial of causes above ten pounds sterling.

C H A P. V.

*An ACT to guard against accidents by Fire in this Province.*

Preamble.

Magistrates in quarter sessions authorized to make regulations to prevent accidental fires, where 40 store and dwelling-houses are erected within half a mile square.

**W**HEREAS the inhabitants of the province of Upper-Canada, are liable to receive great injuries from accidental fires that may happen therein, Be it therefore enacted by the kings most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "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 by the authority of the same, that from and after the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, it shall and may be lawful for the magistrates of each and every district in this province, in quarter sessions assembled, to make such orders and regulations for the prevention of accidental fires within the same as to them shall seem meet and necessary, and to appoint fire-men or other officers for the prevention of accidental fires, or for the purpose of extinguishing the same when such may happen, and to make such orders and regulations, as to them may seem fit or necessary, in any town or towns or other place or places in each district within this province, where there may be forty store-houses and dwelling houses within the space of half a mile square.

C H A P. VI.

*An ACT for the more easy and speedy Recovery of small Debts.*

Preamble.

Two or more justices may hold a court of requests on the 1st & 3d Saturday of every month, within their respective divisions to be ascertained in qr. sessions.

And give judgment, & award execution thereupon as shall seem just.

**W**HEREAS it will contribute to the conveniency of the inhabitants of this province to have an easy and speedy method of recovering small debts, Be it therefore enacted by the kings most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "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 by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful, for any two or more justices of the peace, acting under and by virtue of his majesty's commission within the respective limits of their said commissions, to assemble, sit and hold a court of justice, to be called a court of requests, on the first Saturday and third Saturday in every month, at some fixed place within their respective divisions, which division shall be ascertained and limited by the justices assembled in their general quarter sessions or the greater part of them, and the place for holding the said court, shall be fixed by the justices acting in and for the said division or the greater part of them; and the said justices are hereby declared, constituted and appointed to be commissioners to hear and determine all such matters of debt as are herein after mentioned, and shall have power and authority by virtue of this act to give judgment and decree, and award execution thereupon, with such costs as shall be herein after specifi-