

ed England" and of a certain other Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the seventeenth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for further restraining the negotiation of Promissory Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange under a limited sum within that part of Great Britain called England" are inapplicable to this Province: 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 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 no clause matter or thing in the said Acts or either of them contained shall extend to or be in force in this Province or shall make void any Bills, Notes, Drafts or Orders which have been or may hereafter be made or uttered in this Province, any thing in a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's Reign, 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 America and to introduce the English Law as the rule of decision in all matters of controversy relating to property and civil rights" or in a certain other Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the further introduction of the Criminal Law of England in this Province, and for the more certain punishment of certain offenders" to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

*Provided always,* That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to render any person liable to any punishment for any Forgery, Larceny or other crime committed before the passing of this Act respecting any Notes, Bills, Drafts or undertakings made and uttered before the passing of this Act other than such person would have been liable to, had this Act never been passed.

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Those Statutes not to be in force in this Province.

This Act to have no retrospective operation as respects any forgery or other crime committed in respect of such notes or bills made and uttered before this Act.

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### C H A P. XIII.

An Act to establish an Uniform Currency throughout this Province.

[Passed 14th April, 1821.]

**W**HEREAS it would tend much to the public convenience if an Uniform Currency prevailed throughout this Province: And whereas the several gold and silver coins current in this Province, have respectively a nominal legal value in Pounds, Shillings and Pence, bearing the relative proportion of ten to nine, to the Sterling Money of account in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, nevertheless in some parts of this Province, accounts continue to be kept and contracts to be made in New-York-Currency, estimating the Spanish Milled Dollar at eight Shillings, bearing to Sterling Money of account the proportion of sixteen to nine, which diversity must necessarily occasion great and manifest confusion, Be it enacted by

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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 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 July, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, no interest shall be demandable or shall be recovered in any action upon any Bond, Bill, Note or other instrument, agreement or paper writing, made or dated within this Province after the said first day of July, in which the penalty or the sum payable or secured in or by such Bond, Bill, Note or other instrument, agreement or paper writing, shall be expressed in New-York Currency, or in words or letters importing New-York Currency, whether interest be or be not payable according to the terms thereof, nor shall any costs be taxed or allowed against the defendant in any action which may be brought in any Court in this Province for the recovery of the debt, damages or sum made payable or secured by any such Bond, Bill, Note or other instrument, agreement or paper writing.

After 1st of July 1822 no interest shall be demandable on any bond, note or other instrument made after that date in this Province in which the penalty or sum payable shall be expressed in New York Currency.

Nor any costs allowed in actions brought thereon.

After 1 July 1822 no rendering of account shall be deemed a demand or acknowledgment thereof given in evidence unless it shall have been rendered in Provincial Currency.

After 1 July 1822 no shop books shall be received in evidence as to any entries after that date unless they are made out in Prov. Curr.

This Act to be read in Court on the first day of the four next Courts of General Quarter Sess.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, no rendering of any Merchant's, or other account, entered and made out after that date within this Province, shall be considered a demand, nor shall any admission of such account be given in evidence as an acknowledgment of a debt, unless such account shall have been entered, made and rendered in Provincial Currency at Five Shillings to a Dollar.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no Shop Book of any Merchant or Tradesman made up and kept within this Province, shall be received in any Court of Law as evidence for such Merchant or Tradesman as far as respects any entries made therein after the said first day of July, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, unless such entries shall be made therein in Provincial Currency as aforesaid.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this Act shall be read by the Clerks of the Peace of the several Districts of this Province in open Court, on the first day of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for four successive Courts of General Quarter Sessions next after the passing thereof.

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## C H A P. XIV.

An Act to enable Married Women more conveniently to convey their Real Estate.

[Passed 14th April, 1821.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the forty-third year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to enable Married Women having Real Estate, more conveniently to alien and convey the same," it is enacted, that no Deed shall have any force or effect to bar such Married Woman or her