

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.

C H A P. XIV.

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

[Passed 14th April, 1821.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS 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

said husband or her heirs during the continuance of the coverture, or after the dissolution thereof, or shall have any force or effect whatsoever, unless such Married Woman shall appear in open Court, in the Court of King's Bench, or before any Judge thereof at his chambers, or before a Judge of Assize at the Sittings of the Home District or on his circuit, and shall be examined by the said Judge, touching her consent to alien and depart with such Estate, and whereas much inconvenience has arisen from such provision, 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 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 be lawful for any Married Woman having Real Estate in this Province, to appear before the Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the District in which she may at the time be resident, or before the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in any District in this Province, in cases in which the party resides out of this Province, at any time within twelve months after her execution of the Deed conveying away her Real Estate, and being examined by the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions in open Court, touching her consent to alien and depart with her Real Estate, as in such Deed may be mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for the said Chairman to certify the same, in like manner as the same may at present be certified by the Court of King's Bench, or any Judge thereof, and the said certificate shall have the same force and effect, and be as valid in Law as any certificate given under and by virtue of the above recited Act, any Law or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to receive the sum of five shillings for drawing every such certificate and no more.

Married women having real estate and desirous of conveying the same may appear before the Quarter Sessions of the District in which they reside and be examined as to their consent.

Women residing abroad may appear before the Sessions in any District of the Province.

Certificate to be given by the Chairman.

Fee to the Clerk of the Peace.

C H A P. XV.

An Act further to relieve Vessels and small Craft from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty.

[Passed 14th April, 1821.]

WHEREAS it is found expedient further to relieve the Masters and Owners of Vessels, Boats, Rafts and other Craft belonging to and navigated by His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, from the payment of Light House Tonnage Duty, 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 provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in

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