

XII. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Indians now or hereafter to be resident within the limits of this Province. Indians not included in this Act.

XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this Act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of four years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer. Limitation of Act, four years, &c.

CHAP. XIII.

AN ACT to continue in force, for a limited period, the Laws authorising the Chartered Banks in this Province to suspend the redemption of their Notes in Specie, under certain regulations.

[Passed 11th May, 1839.]

WHEREAS it is expedient under existing circumstances to amend and continue, for a limited time, the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of William the Fourth, entitled “An Act to authorise the Chartered Banks in this Province, to suspend the redemption of their Notes in Specie, under certain regulations, for a limited time, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and also an Act amending the same, passed in the first year of Her Majesty’s reign, entitled “An Act to repeal and amend part of an Act passed in the last Session, entitled ‘An Act to authorise the Chartered Banks in this Province to suspend the redemption of their Notes in Specie, under certain regulations, for a limited time, and for other purposes therein mentioned’”: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen’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 the provisions of the said recited Acts shall be and remain in force till the first day of November next. Preamble. 7 & 8, W. 4. c. 2; And 1st Victoria, c. 22; Continued until 1st Novr. 1839.

Bank Directors not to declare any Dividend, during suspension of specie payments.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That during the time which any Chartered Bank may suspend the redemption of its Notes in Specie under the provisions of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Directors of such Bank to declare or divide any dividend among the Stockholders.

Lieutenant Governor may sanction further suspension.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That notwithstanding the provisions of the first clause of this Act, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, shall upon any great emergency authorise such Banks to suspend for such further period, and under such restrictions, as he may think proper.

CHAP. XIV.

AN ACT to extend and continue, for a limited period, the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of the Public Lands in this Province."

[Passed 11th May, 1839.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, for the disposal of the Public Lands, it is impossible to procure the Registry of any Assignment from a person entitled to a free grant of Land, in case the Witness or Witnesses is or are dead, or shall or may leave the Province: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen'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 in all cases wherein the Witness or Witnesses to any Assignment as aforesaid, is or are dead, or shall or may leave the Province, proof of the hand-writing of such Witness or Witnesses, sworn before any Justice of the Peace in and for any District of this Province, shall be taken and deemed to be sufficient evidence of the execution of any such Assignment.

In what cases hand-writing of witnesses to assignments may be proved.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the twenty-eighth clause of the said Act, passed in the first year of Her Ma-