

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-

Majesty's reign, limiting the same to two years, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the said Act shall be continued for five years from the passing of this Act. Act for disposal of public lands continued for five years.

CHAP. XV.

AN ACT for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province, from Trespass and Injury.

[Passed 11th May, 1839.]

WHEREAS the Lands appropriated for the residence of certain Indian Tribes in this Province, as well as the unsurveyed Lands, and Lands of the Crown ungranted and not under location, or sold or held by virtue of any lease or license of occupation, have from time to time been taken possession of by persons having no lawful right or authority so to do: *And whereas* the said Lands have also been from time to time unlawfully entered upon, and the timber, trees, stone and soil, removed therefrom, and other injuries have been committed thereon: *And whereas* it is necessary to provide by law for the summary removal of persons unlawfully occupying the said Lands, as also to protect the same from future trespass and injury: *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 it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province from time to time, as he shall deem necessary, to appoint two or more Commissioners under the Great Seal of this Province, to receive information, and to inquire into any complaint that may be made to them or any one of them, against any person for illegally possessing himself of any of the aforesaid Lands, for the cession of which to Her Majesty no agreement hath been made with the Tribes occupying the same, and who may claim title thereto; and also to inquire into any complaint that may be made to them or any one of them against any person for having unlawfully cut down or removed any timber, trees, stone or soil, on such Lands, or for having done any other wilful and unlawful injury thereon. Preamble.
Commissioners may be appointed to inquire concerning trespasses committed upon Indian Lands, &c.