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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. CV.

An Act to reverse the attainder of Peter Matthews, and to avoid the forfeiture of his Estates and Property.

[9th June, 1846.]

WHEREAS Peter Matthews, in his lifetime of the Township of Pickering, in the Home District, having been lawfully convicted of and attainted for High Treason by him committed, did in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, suffer capital punishment for his said crime; And whereas by the said attainder and the corruption of blood wrought thereby, the estates and property real and personal of the said Peter Matthews became forfeited to Her Majesty; And whereas Her Majesty hath in the exercise of Her Royal Clemency hitherto abstained from enforcing the said forfeiture, and hath been graciously pleased to signify Her Royal Pleasure that such forfeiture should never be enforced; And whereas for giving full effect to the gracious intentions of Her Majesty in the behalf aforesaid the intervention of the Provincial Parliament is desirable: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the attainder of the said Peter Matthews shall be and is hereby reversed, and the corruption of blood and forfeiture wrought by the said attainder shall be and are hereby taken away, and avoided, and all and singular the estates, property and effects which immediately before his said attainder were of him the said Peter Matthews, shall be and are hereby vested in the same person, persons or parties, in the same manner and with the same effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever, in as full and ample a manner, and with the same and no other effect or consequence as to the rights of third parties in, upon or with regard to such estates, property or effects, as if he the said Peter Matthews had died without being so attainted as aforesaid.

Preamble.
Recital of the
case of Peter
Matthews.

The attainder
of Peter
Matthews re-
versed, and his
estates and
property to be
vested and
dealt with as
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der had never
taken place.