

C A P. V.

An Act to facilitate the Despatch of Business in the Court of Queen's Bench of Upper Canada.

[17th August, 1841.]

WHEREAS it would facilitate the despatch of business in the Court of Queen's Bench of Upper Canada, if the said Court were enabled to sit in Banc out of Term, for the purposes of giving Judgment and making Rules and Orders in matters which have been moved and argued before it: 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 intitled *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 from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Court of Queen's Bench of Upper Canada, to sit in Banc on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week after the end of each Term, for the purposes only of giving Judgment, and of making Rules and Orders in matters which have been moved and argued in the said Court, and that all Judgments to be pronounced, and all Rules and Orders to be made, under the authority of this Act, shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as if they had been pronounced or made in Term time.

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The Court may sit in Banc on Tuesday and Wednesday of the 2d week after each Term to give judgment and make Rules and Orders only.

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An Act to exempt from duty all copies of the Holy Scriptures, imported into this Province by Sea.

[17th August, 1841.]

WHEREAS the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society has by its petition to the Legislature prayed that the duties now levied upon Bibles and Testaments imported into this Province from Great Britain and Ireland, may be repealed, and that all copies of the Holy Scriptures may be admitted into this Province free from duty; and whereas it is reasonable to grant the prayer of the said petition: 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

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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 from and after the passing of this Act, all copies of the Holy Scriptures imported into this Province by sea, shall be exempt from the payment of any duty now imposed and levied under and by virtue of any Provincial Statute in force in that part of the Province heretofore called Lower Canada, provided the importer or consignee shall make a special entry of all such copies of the Holy Scriptures, and shall state the amount of the Invoice or Invoices thereof in the manner prescribed with regard to other articles in order that the real amount of such articles imported into this Province may be ascertained.

Proviso.

C A P. VII.

An Act to secure to, and confer upon, certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British Subjects.

[27th August, 1841.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable to provide by some general Law for the naturalization of certain classes of persons who are not natural born subjects of Her Majesty, but have actually become domiciled in this Province: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and 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 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 all Aliens who were actually residing within this Province on the tenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and who were so resident continually for the seven years next before that day, or who shall have been continually resident for seven years from the said day, or from their first residence in this Province before that day, shall be deemed and taken to be natural born subjects of Her Majesty, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; Provided always, that residence within the late Province of Lower Canada, or residence within the late Province of Upper Canada, shall be deemed residence within this Province for the purposes of this Act.

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