the day of next (or instant) at of the clock in the noon, or at some other hour on the same day; and that there is reason to believe that great numbers of persons will be present at such Meeting; and whereas it appears expedient to us, C. D. and E. F. two (or whatever the number may be) of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, having Jurisdiction within the said District (or as the case may be) that, with a view to the more orderly holding of the said Meeting, and the better preservation of the public peace at the same, the said Meeting, and all persons who may attend the same should be declared within the protection of a certain Act of Parliament of the (here insert the year and chapter of this Act) intituled, An Act to provide for the calling and orderly holding of Public Meetings in this Province, and for the better preservation of the public peace thereat: Now therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act and the authority in us vested by virtue of the same, We, the said Justices, do hereby give notice of the holding of the said Meeting, and do hereby declare the said Public Meeting, and all persons who may attend the same, to be within the protection of the said Act of Parliament; of all which premises all manner of persons are hereby in Her Majesty's name most strictly charged and commanded, at their peril, to take especial notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Witness, our hands, at this

day of

in the District of 18.

C. D., J. P. E. F., J. P.

## CAP. VIII.

An Act to exempt Public Officers from the expense of new Commissions, on the demise of the Crown.

[9th December, 1843.]

Preamble.

HEREAS, on the demise of the Crown, it has been customary in the late Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, to renew the Commissions to the several Public Officers and Functionaries holding office during pleasure or otherwise, at the time of such demise, to the great expense of such Functionaries and the inconvenience of the public for remedy whereof; 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

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 hereafter, upon any demise of the Crown, it shall not be necessary to renew the Commissions, nor any of them, in virtue whereof the several Public Officers or Functionaries in this Province held their respective offices or professions, under or during the previous Reign, but that a Proclamation by the Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, authorizing and desiring all persons in office holding Commissions under the late Sovereign, and Functionaries exercising any profession in virtue of any such Commission, to continue in the due exercise of their respective duties, functions and professions, shall suffice and accordingly be issued, the Incumbents taking always the usual and customary oath of Allegiance, as soon thereafter as may be, before the proper Officer or Officers thereunto appointed; and such Proclamation being issued, and oath taken, each and every such Public Officer and Functionary may and shall continue in the lawful exercise of the duties and functions of his office or profession, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as if appointed de novo by Commission derived from the Sovereign for the time being; and that all Acts and things bona fide done and performed by such Incumbents in their respective offices, and in the due and faithful performance of their duties and functions, between the time of such demise and the Proclamation so to be issued, (such oath of Allegiance being always duly taken) shall be deemed and taken to be duly and legally done, and as such good and valid.

No new Commissions need be issued at the commencement of a new Reign; but a Proclamation continuing all public officers, &c. in their respective Of-fices, shall issue and be suificient.

Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign to

Acts done by such Public Officers, to be valid.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prejudice, nor in any wise affect the rights or Prerogative of the rights of the Crown with respect to any office or appointment derived or held by authority from it, nor to prejudice or affect the rights or Prerogatives thereof in any other respect whatsoever.

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