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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act for ascertaining the Liabilities of the several Municipal Districts in Lower Canada, and their means of discharging the same.

[29th March, 1845.]

WHEREAS it is necessary to ascertain the amount of the debts and liabilities of the several Municipal Districts in Lower Canada, previous to the adoption of any Legislative measure to provide for the payment thereof: 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 forthwith after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province to adopt measures for procuring from the Wardens of the several Municipal Districts in Lower Canada, and from the Clerks of the District Councils, detailed statements of the amount and nature of the debts and liabilities of such Councils respectively, and of the sums due to them by the inhabitants of each Parish or Township, or by any other party.

Preamble.

Secretary to obtain accounts from the District Warden and Clerks.

II. And be it enacted, That such Wardens and Clerks respectively, shall give public notice in at least one public newspaper in each language circulating in their respective Districts, and in such other manner as they may deem expedient, calling upon all persons having claims upon the said District Councils they respectively represent, to file such claims; and the said Wardens or Clerks, or the persons having then last held the said offices, shall and may publish such notice, receive such

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such claims, and make returns thereupon to the Secretary of the Province, although by any Act passed during this Session the Ordinance establishing Municipal Districts in Lower Canada may have been repealed.

Copies of the said statements to be laid before the Legislature.

III. And be it enacted, That copies of the Statements so received by the Secretary of the Province, shall be laid before each branch of the Provincial Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of the then next Session thereof.

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