

Canada, in the election and appointment of Township Officers, and for the establishment and regulation of the powers of such Officers, shall apply and shall be deemed to have applied to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been so provided in and by such Proclamation.

II. And whereas there are now and may be hereafter among the Townships in either section of this Province, divers gores or small tracts of land, which from various causes have not been or may not be included in the original survey and description of any Township, and being of too limited extent to form Townships by themselves: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province, by Proclamation to annex any such gore or tract of land as aforesaid, in any part of this Province, to any Township to which it may be adjacent or partly to one and partly to another of any two or more Townships to which it may be adjacent, as in His discretion He may deem most expedient; and from and after the day named for the purpose in such Proclamation, or from the date thereof, if no other day be therein named for the purpose, the tract of land thereby annexed to any Township shall form part thereof to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Small Gores not included in any Township, may be annexed to adjacent Townships by Proclamation.

C A P. XII.

An Act for the Punishment of Warehousemen and others giving False Receipts for Merchandize, and of Persons receiving Advances upon Goods, and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same.

[25th April, 1849.]

WHEREAS frauds have been committed by the giving of false receipts for merchandize by Warehousemen and others, and by parties having received advances on merchandize afterwards disposing of them to the injury of the parties making such advances: For the prevention of such frauds—Be it 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, 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 if the Keeper of any Warehouse, or any Forwarder, Common Carrier, Agent, Clerk, or other person employed in or about any Warehouse, or if any other Factor or Agent, or any Clerk or other person employed in or about the business of such Factor or Agent, shall knowingly and wilfully give to any person a writing purporting to be a receipt for, or an acknowledgment of any goods or other property having been received in his Warehouse, or in the Warehouse in or about which he shall be employed, or in any other manner received by him or by the person in or about whose business he shall be employed, before the goods or other property named in such receipt or acknowledgment shall have been actually delivered to him as aforesaid, with intent to mislead, deceive, injure or defraud any person or persons whomsoever, although such person or persons may be then unknown; or if any person shall knowingly and wilfully accept or transmit or use any such false receipt or acknowledgment, the person giving and the person accepting such receipt or acknowledgment

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Persons giving false receipts for goods, or making use of such false receipts, to be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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acknowledgment shall severally be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable in the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary, and kept at hard labour for any period of time not exceeding three years, nor less than one year.

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II. And be it enacted, That if any owner of merchandize, or other person in whose name merchandize shall be shipped or delivered to the Keeper of any Warehouse, or other Factor, or Agent, or Carrier, to be shipped or carried, shall, after the advancement to him of any money, or the giving to him of any negotiable security by the Consignee of such merchandize, for his own benefit and in violation of good faith, and without the consent of such Consignee being therefor first had and obtained, make any disposition of such merchandize different from and inconsistent with the agreement in that behalf between such owner or other person aforesaid and such Consignee at the time of or before such money being so advanced or such negotiable security being so given, with the intent to deceive, defraud or injure such Consignee, such owner or other person aforesaid, and each and every other persons knowingly and wilfully acting and assisting in making such disposition for the purpose of deceiving, defrauding or injuring such Consignee, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to be, in the discretion of the Court before whom the conviction shall take place, imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary, and kept at hard labour for any period of time not more than three years, nor less than one year; Provided, however, that no person shall be subject to prosecution under this section, who shall, before making such disposition as aforesaid of such merchandize, pay or tender to the Consignee the full amount of any advance made thereon.

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III. And be it enacted, That all words in this Act importing the singular number only, shall be construed as including the plural number also, unless there be something in the context inconsistent with such construction; and if any offence against this Act be committed by the doing of anything in the name of any firm, company or co-partnership of persons, the person by whom such thing shall be actually done, or who shall have connived at the doing thereof, shall be deemed guilty of such offence, and not any other person.

CAP. XIII.

An Act for the Queen's Most Gracious, General and Free Pardon.

[1st February, 1849.]

Preamble.

THE Queen's Most Excellent Majesty being assured of the loyalty of the Inhabitants of this Province, and of the firm establishment of peace therein, and being desirous of exercising Her Most Excellent Prerogative of Mercy towards all such of Her Subjects and others who, during the Rebellion which unhappily occurred in this Province in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and during the domestic troubles and disorders which followed it, took part in the said Rebellion, troubles and disorders, or in the invasions and acts of hostile violence by which they were attended, and being desirous of quieting the minds of Her Subjects in general, hath, upon mature deliberation, resolved and determined to grant
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