

And this Act to Patents obtained under either of the said Acts,

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the Acts hereby repealed or either of them; and the provisions of this Act relative to matters subsequent to the issuing of any Letters Patent, shall apply to Letters Patent issued under either of the Acts hereby repealed, as fully as to Letters Patent issued after the passing hereof: Provided always, that the words "or the principle thereof," in the first section of the Act cited in the Preamble, shall be and are hereby repealed.

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An Act to provide for the Discharge of Sureties for Public Officers in certain cases.

[30th August, 1851.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Discharge of Sureties for Public Officers, when no longer disposed to continue to incur responsibility as such: 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 when any person shall have become Surety to the Crown for the due accounting for public moneys, or the proper performance of any public duty, it shall be lawful for such person, when no longer disposed to continue such responsibility, to give notice thereof to his Principal, and also to the Secretary of the Province, and that all accruing responsibility on the part of such person as such Surety, shall cease at the expiration of one month from the receipt of the last of such notices; and the Principal shall, within that period, give the security of another Surety, and register and deposit the Bond of such new Surety, or in default of so doing, shall forfeit and be deprived of the Appointment, Office, Employment or Commission in respect whereof such new security ought to have been given, in like manner, and under and subject to like provisions as are set forth and contained in the Act passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered ninety-one, and intituled, *An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices, in the event of such security not being given within the time limited after the grant of such Office*.

How sureties of Public Officers may relieve themselves from further responsibility.

New sureties to be found.

Act 4 & 5 Vict. c. 91

C A P . L X X X I .

An Act to repeal part of the Act therein mentioned, relative to the Printing and Distribution of the Provincial Statutes.

[30th August, 1851.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is deemed inexpedient that the Private and Local Acts of the Legislature should not be distributed in the same numbers, and to the same extent, as the Public General Acts: 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 for and notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to amend the law relative to the Printing and Distribution of the Provincial Statutes*, all Local Acts, and Private and Personal Acts, shall be printed and distributed in the same numbers and to the same Functionaries as the Public General Acts; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the parties obtaining

Notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in 12 Vict. c. 16, Local and Private Acts to be distributed in equal numbers.

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Private or Personal Acts from furnishing, at their own cost, to the Provincial Government, the one Hundred and Fifty copies required by the said Act.

II. And be it enacted, That each volume of the Provincial Statutes, distributed under the Act aforesaid, shall be half-bound in cloth, with backs of White Sheep, and lettered; and that with regard to the Statutes to be passed in any Session after the present, the present form of printing shall be abandoned, and they shall be printed in Royal Octavo Form, on fine paper, in Small Pica Type, thirty-two ems by fifty-five ems, including marginal notes in Brevier, such notes referring to the volume and page of previous Statutes, whenever the text amends, repeals or changes the enactments of former years.

Statutes to be bound.

New form to be used for those passed after the present Session.

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An Act for the regulation of Pawnbrokers and Pawnbroking.

[30th August, 1851.]

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, 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 every person exercising the trade of a Pawnbroker, within this Province, shall take out a license, under the hand of the Governor, to be issued by the Revenue Inspectors, and shall renew the same annually, on pain of forfeiting Fifty Pounds for every pledge taken without such license, to be recovered in any of Her Majesty's Courts in this Province.

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II. And be it enacted, That upon every license to be taken out yearly for using or exercising the trade or business of a Pawnbroker within this Province, there shall be paid the sum of Fifteen Pounds currency, into the hands of the Collector of Customs, nearest the residence of the said Pawnbroker, to be accounted for to the Receiver General, for the uses of this Province.

Duty on License.

III. And be it enacted, That no person shall keep more than one house or shop, or place for taking in goods to pawn, by virtue of one license, but persons in partnership carrying on trade as Pawnbrokers together, in one house, shop or place, need only take out one license for one house.

License to extend to no more than one house.

IV. And be it enacted, That all persons who shall receive or take by way of pawn, pledge or exchange of or from any person any goods for the repayment of money lent thereon, shall be deemed Pawnbrokers within the intent and meaning of this Act, and shall take out a license for the same accordingly.

Who shall be deemed Pawnbrokers.

V. And be it enacted, That every Pawnbroker shall cause his name and the word "Pawnbroker" to be painted or written in large legible characters over the door outside of the shop, or other place used by him for carrying on such business, on pain of forfeiting Ten Pounds for every shop or place made use of for one week without having the same so put up; to be recovered with costs, on confession, or by oath or affirmation of one witness, before any two Justices of the Peace, and if not forthwith paid, upon conviction, may be lewied by distress and sale, by Warrant under the hands and seals of two Justices of this Province, one half to the informer, the other half to the Queen; and if there be not a sufficient distress, or payment be not forthwith made, the offender to be committed to the County or District Gaol, for not exceeding three calendar months nor less than fourteen days, unless such penalty and reasonable charges shall be sooner paid.

Name of Pawnbroker to be placed outside of his shop or place of business.

VI. And be it enacted, That every Pawnbroker may demand and take the following rates over and above the principal sum advanced, before he shall be obliged to redeliver the goods pawned, that is to say, for every pledge upon which there shall have

Rate of profit to be taken.