

signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, or otherwise, as directed by the By-laws and Regulations of the Company.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That in all actions, suits and prosecutions in which the said Company may be engaged at any time, the Secretary, or other Officer of the said Company, shall be a competent witness, notwithstanding any interest he may have therein. Officers to be competent witnesses.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall, when required by either of the three branches of the Legislature, make a full and unreserved statement of the affairs of the Company, of the funds, property and securities, shewing the amount in real estate, in bonds and mortgages, in notes and the securities thereof, in public debt or other stock, and the amount of debt due to and from the said Company, and also a list of the Stockholders and of the Directors of the Company. Statements to the Legislature.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act. Public Act.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That it shall at all times hereafter be lawful for the Legislature of this Province to repeal, alter or amend this Act. Act may be repealed or amended.

C A P . C X L V .

An Act to remove certain doubts existing as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of the Act passed during the present Session, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company.'*

[Assented to 23rd May, 1853.]

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company,'* and it is desirable to remove the same: Be it therefore declared and 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*

Preamble.

16 V. c. 70.

Creditors of
Company not
to have any
claim upon
property sold
under the
said Act.

to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada, and it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, That no Creditor of the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company shall, as such Creditor or by reason of any right as such, have or maintain any claim or recourse against any of the property in the said Act referred to, which has been or may be sold under the authority of the said Act, from or after the time of such sale, or against any purchaser thereof; and that nothing in the said Act or in the said sixth Section was intended or shall be construed to give to any such Creditor any such claim or recourse.

C A P . C X L V I .

An Act to incorporate the Montreal Exchange.

[Assented to 23rd May, 1853.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS James Law, Theodore Hart, James B. Green-shields, Henry Starnes, Joseph Knapp, Louis Renaud, Robert D. Collis, Ferdinand Macculloch, Wm. Edmondstone, Hugh Allan, A. M. Delisle, Maurice Cuvillier, Thomas B. Anderson, Wm. C. Evans, Ogilvy Moffat, Andrew Shaw, Robert Esdaile, Augustus Heward, Wm. Dow, James Finn, Hew Ramsay, L. H. Holton, David L. Macpherson, John Young, Francis Noad, John Smith, Sydney Jones, David Torrance, H. L. Routh, Damase Masson, R. S. Tylee, Gilbert Scott, Archibald Hume, James Scott, Samuel Benjamin, Henry Thomas, Thomas Ryan, Thos. Kay, J. H. Joseph, Wm. Workman, John Frothingham, Benjamin Holmes, F. R. Starr, Wm. Watson, James Gilmour, Jean Bruneau, D. P. Janes, V. Hudon, Walter Colquhoun, A. Prevost, Alex. Simpson, L. Marchand, T. M. Taylor, John Leeming, Benjamin Hall, Wm. Muir, P. Jodoin, Wm. Lyman, C. J. Cusack, J. B. Smith, J. Mitchell, C. Phillips, J. G. Mackenzie, Henry Chapman, and Henry Holyoake, have by their petition represented that they have become subscribers to, and have associated for the purpose of building or maintaining in the City of Montreal an Exchange, or convenient house, building and place for the meeting of merchants and others engaged in the pursuits of trade and navigation, for the bargaining for, selling and buying of goods and commodities, sale and purchase of Bills of Exchange, and for such other uses and purposes as houses or buildings of Exchange are usually applied to in Great Britain and Ireland or elsewhere, and they, the said Subscribers, are apprehensive that the said objects cannot at all or but imperfectly be attained, unless they are incorporated and subjected to such Rules and Regulations as the nature of such an undertaking may require, and therefore have prayed that for promoting the object of such association, they, the subscribers and their assigns, may be incorporated: 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