

administer the same,) the oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and that such oath so taken and subscribed shall be kept by the said Clerk of the Peace among the records of his office.

Public Act. II. This Act shall be taken to be a Public Act.

C A P . X L I .

An Act to provide for the execution of the Office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in certain cases.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS great public inconvenience might ensue from the unavoidable absence of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, from illness or other cause, at any time when any sitting of the said Legislative Assembly ought to be held; and His Excellency the Governor General being advised thereof, hath, in Her Majesty's name, consented that the Legislature should adopt such measures as to them might appear expedient to avoid such inconvenience: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Speaker finding it necessary to be absent on any day, may appoint a Member to act for him during such day.

I. Whenever the Speaker of the said Legislative Assembly shall, from illness or other cause, find it necessary to leave the Chair during any part of the sittings of the said Assembly on any day, it shall be lawful for him to call upon any member thereof to take the Chair and to act as Speaker during the remainder of such day, unless the Speaker shall himself resume the Chair before the close of the sittings for that day: and the Member so called upon shall take the Chair and act as Speaker accordingly; and every Act passed, and every Order made and thing done by the said Assembly, while such member is acting as Speaker as aforesaid, shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if done while the Speaker himself was presiding in the Chair.

C A P . X L I I .

An Act to impose an additional Excise Duty on Spirits.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to increase the duty payable on Spirits manufactured in this Province: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Duty imposed on Spirits manufactured or taken out of bond, after 5th I. In addition to the duty imposed by the second section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign and intituled, *An Act to continue and amend the Act imposing duties on Spirits distilled in this Province, and to provide for the warehousing*