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An Act to confirm and make valid certain Official Acts in the Offices of Registrar, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of the District Court, and Registrar of the Surrogate Court, in and for the District of Ottawa. 9th December, 1843.

Whereas the late Richard Phillips Hotham, Esquire, departed this life while absent from this Province, on or about the tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, he holding at that time the offices and appointments of Registrar for the Counties of Prescott and Russell, Clerk of the Peace for the Ottawa District, Clerk of the Ottawa District Court, and Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the said District; And whereas Donald McDonald, of Fort William, who, at the time aforesaid, held the appointment of Deputy of the said Richard Phillips Hotham in the said several offices, hath performed sundry Official Acts under colour of his authority as such Deputy, after the decease of his said Principal, which for the quiet and security of Her Majesty's liege subjects in the said District and elsewhere, it is expedient and necessary to confirm and make valid; 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 all the Official Acts and Deeds done and performed by the said Donald McDonald, under colour of his said authority as the Deputy of the said Richard Phillips Hotham, deceased, in the above mentioned offices, respectively, from the day of the decease of the said Richard Phillips Hotham, until his successors in the said offices assumed the duties thereof, respectively, shall be and the same are hereby confirmed and made valid in like manner, and to the extent as if the authority of the said Donald McDonald, as such Deputy as aforesaid, had not until then determined.

II. And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Donald McDonald to receive to his own use, all legal and customary fees and charges for all official services which he may have performed during the said period, acting as aforesaid in the said offices.