

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

18 Victoria – Chapter 17

**An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries. Assented to 18th December, 1854.**

Whereas different constructions have been put by different Judges as well of the Superior as of the Circuit Court, in Lower Canada, upon the Act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to allow Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends, in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge*, — and the Acts passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, respectively, *An Act to explain the Act to allow Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends, in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge, and for other purposes*, — and *An Act to regulate the proceedings in cases of voluntary Licitation*: 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, as follows:

I. That in all cases and matters, in which the law allows a Judge in Lower Canada to delegate the power to receive the counsel and advice of relations and friends, any Notary in Lower Canada, may, without being thereunto previously authorized by a Judge, call and preside at such meetings of relations and friends, administer the requisite oaths, and receive the counsel and advice of such relations and friends, but a report of all such proceedings shall be made to the proper Judge, for homologation, if the same ought to be homologated; the formalities prescribed by the Acts above cited, and the requirements of law being observed, in so far as may not be inconsistent with this Act.