

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

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**An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the Provincial Statutes. Assented to 30th May, 1855.**

Whereas the form in which the Provincial Statutes are drawn up is needlessly, prolix, rendering their publication too expensive, and tending to create confusion in the laws, in lieu of facilitating their comprehension; And whereas the recital in the Preamble, at the beginning of each Statute, of the authority by virtue of which it is passed, may be made shorter: 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. Hereafter, the following words inserted in the Preamble of Statutes and indicating the authority by virtue of which they are passed: "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 shall be abolished and replaced by the words following, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts, as follows:"
- II. After the insertion of these words which shall follow the setting forth of the considerations or reasons upon which the law is grounded, and which shall with these considerations or reasons constitute the entire Preamble, the various clauses of the Statute shall follow in a concise and enunciative form.