

of Lower Canada to be taken before a Notary or Notaries, or to be filed, enrolled or enregistered by a Notary or Notaries in Lower Canada.

Judgments, &c. of certain Courts in U. C. may be proved in L. C. by exemplification.

III. And be it enacted, That any judgment, decree, or other judicial proceeding of any Court of Record in Upper Canada, shall and may be proved in any suit, action or proceeding, in any Court in Lower Canada, by the production of an exemplification of such judgment, decree or other judicial proceeding, under the seal of any such Court of Record, without any proof of the authenticity of such seal, or other proof whatever. 5 10

Copies of Official Documents, By-laws, &c., attested in a certain manner to be receivable in evidence.

IV. And be it enacted, That a copy of any official or public document in this Province, purporting to be certified under the hand of the proper officer or person in whose custody such official or public document shall or may be placed, or a copy of any document, by-law, rule, regulation or proceeding, or a copy of any entry in any Register or other book of any Corporation, created or to be created by charter or statute in this Province, purporting to be certified under the seal of such Corporation, and the hand of the Presiding Officer or Secretary thereof, shall be receivable in evidence of any particular, in any court of justice, or before any legal tribunal, or the Legislative Council or Assembly, or any committee thereof respectively, or in any judicial proceeding, without any proof of the seal of such Corporation, or of the signature or of the official character of the person or persons appearing to have signed the same, and without any further proof thereof in every case in which the original record could have been received in evidence. 15 20 25 30

Judicial notice to be taken of the signature of the Judges of certain Courts.

V. And be it enacted, That all Courts, Judges, Justices, Masters in Chancery, Masters of Courts, Clerks of Courts, Prothonotaries, Commissioners judicially acting, and other judicial officers in this Province, shall henceforth take judicial notice of the signature of any of the Judges of the superior Courts of Law or Equity in Upper or Lower Canada, provided such signature be appended or attached to any decree, order, certificate, affidavit or other judicial or official document. 35

Punishment of persons forging any such seal, signature, &c., as aforesaid.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall forge the seal or signature to any such certified copy as is hereinbefore mentioned, or shall tender in evidence any such certified copy with a false or counterfeit seal or signature thereto, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, whether the seal or signature be that relating to any corporation or office already created or established, or to be hereafter created or established; or if any person shall forge the signature of any such Judge as aforesaid to any decree, order, certificate, affidavit, or other judicial or official document, or shall tender in 40 45 50