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An Act to explain and amend the Law in Lower
Canada, respecting Bills of Exchange and Pro-
missory Notes.

WHEREAS doubts exist respecting the legal effect Preamble.
of protests in the particular cases hereinafter men-
tioned, made in the form prescribed by the Act of this
Province, passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's
5 Reign, and intituled *An Act to amend the law regulating*
Inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, and the
protesting thereof, and Foreign Bills in certain cases, and it
is expedient to prevent the continuance of such doubts,
and also to amend the said Act: Be it therefore enacted,
10 &c.,

That notwithstanding the omission in any protest made
since the passing of the said Act, of any Bill of Exchange As to protests
or Promissory Note, of the statement of the period of made before
the day in which the protest was made, such protest shall the passing of
15 be held and taken to have been made in the afternoon of this Act.
the day of the date thereof, unless the contrary shall ap-
pear on the face of the protest, any thing in the said Act
to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That any protest made after As to protests
20 the passing of this Act, in the form prescribed in the said made after
Act, shall be held and taken to have been and to be made the passing of
in the afternoon of the day in which it bears date, unless this Act.
the contrary shall appear upon the face of the protest.

III. And be it enacted, That in any action at law, or As to protests
25 legal proceeding pending in any Court in Lower in cases now
Canada for the recovery of the amount of a protested pending.
Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note, in the protest
whereof the omission shall exist of the statement, that
such protest was made in the afternoon of the day on
30 which it bears date, and such action or proceeding shall
be contested by reason of such omission, and no judgment
shall have been therein rendered on the merits by such
Court, it shall be lawful for the party prosecuting therein,
or his legal representatives, to present a petition to the
Court in which such action or proceeding is pending,
35 pleading this Act, praying that the benefit thereof be
allowed him, and thereupon all and every the objections
based upon the omission aforesaid shall cease and have
no effect, after such notice of the said petition, shall have
been given to the objecting party or his attorney on the