

An Act to facilitate the apprehension and conviction of horse-thieves.

WHEREAS the serious expense, trouble and loss of time which persons who attempt to procure the apprehension of horse-thieves incur, and the doubtful prospects of success attending their efforts, often induces them to discontinue or even to desist altogether from the pursuit ; and whereas the crime of horse-stealing is of frequent occurrence, and it is desirable that measures should be taken to facilitate the apprehension of horse-thieves ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

- 10 **1.** It shall be lawful for the Council of any County Municipality in Upper Canada to provide by by-law that a sum not exceeding dollars shall be payable as a reward to any person or persons who shall pursue and apprehend, beyond the limits of the county, any person guilty of stealing any horse or mare within the said county, and such
15 reward shall be paid out of the funds of the municipality on conviction of the thief, and on the order of the Judge before whom the conviction is obtained.
- 2.** The said reward shall not disqualify the person claiming the same or entitled thereto, from being a witness.

Preamble.

County Council may offer reward for apprehension of horse-thieves.

Reward not to disqualify any witness.