

An Act to incorporate the European Assurance Society, and to authorize the acceptance of the said Society as surety for Public Officers.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, made and passed in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered twenty-five, the European Assurance Society was incorporated under a certain deed of settlement, dated the second day of September, in the 5 year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, which said deed of settlement was by the said Imperial Act modified in some particulars, and confirmed in all other respects, And Whereas, by an Act of the Parliament of this Province, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her 10 Majesty's Reign, chaptered seven, and intituled, "An Act to authorize the acceptance of certain incorporated companies as sureties for public officers," it is, amongst other things, in effect enacted, that the bond or policy of guarantee of the European Assurance Society may be accepted as security, as is in the said last-mentioned Act particularly 15 mentioned; And Whereas the last mentioned Act has been found insufficient for the purposes intended, And Whereas the said company have by their petition prayed for an Act incorporating the said Society, and authorising the said Society to give security for public officers in place of trust under Her Majesty, and for enabling such security to be accept- 20 ed on behalf of such persons; And Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition, and to extend the provisions of the said Act of this Province. Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. The European Assurance Company is hereby declared to be a 25 duly Incorporated Company within this Province, and as such, shall have, hold and enjoy, all and every such and the same powers and privileges in this Province, and of carrying on the several objects for which the said Company was established, as are granted and conferred 30 to and upon the said company, by the said recited Act of the Imperial Parliament, and the Deed of Settlement of the said company, as modified and confirmed by the said Act, and a copy of which said deed of settlement, certified under the hand of one of the directors, and of the secretary in this province, of the said company, shall be registered in the office of 35 the Provincial Registrar, and a copy of which, duly certified by the Provincial Registrar, or his Deputy, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such deed of settlement

2. The Governor in Council may direct that a bond or policy of guarantee of the European Assurance Society may be accepted as such 40 security upon such terms as shall be determined by the Governor in Council, and either in lieu of any other security required by law to be given, or in addition thereto, or to any portion of such security, from any