

An Act to amend and explain *An Act to define the Elective Franchise, to provide for the Registration of Voters, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

WHEREAS it is in and by the fourth section of the Act passed Preamble.
in the 22nd year of Her Majesty's reign and intituled "*An Act* 22 V. c. 82.
to define the Elective Franchise, to provide for the Registration of Vo-
ters and for other purposes therein mentioned," amongst other things
enacted that the Clerk of each Municipality in Upper Canada shall,
after the final revision and correction of the Assessment Roll, forth-
with make a correct alphabetical list of all persons entitled to vote at
the election of a Member of the Legislative Council and Assembly
within such Municipality, according to the provisions of the said Act;
and that all such lists shall be completed and delivered as thereinbefore
mentioned on or before the first day of October in each year; And
whereas doubts have arisen as to the effect of the enactment requiring
that the said lists should be completed and delivered on or before the
first day of October in each year; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., declares
and enacts as follows :

I. It was and is the meaning and intention of the said Act and of True intent of
the clause hereinbefore recited, that the period therein mentioned within the provision
which the Lists should be completed and delivered, that is to say the appointing the
first day of October, in each year, shall be directory only to the Clerk time for the
of each Municipality in Upper Canada, and that nothing therein con- completion of
tained is intended to render null, void or inoperative the said Lists, in the List of
the event of their not being completed and delivered as in the said Act Voters under
mentioned on or before the period aforesaid, but that the said Lists shall sect. 4.
be valid and effectual for the purposes of the said Act even though not
completed and delivered by the said period of time.

II. If any Clerk of a Municipality in Upper Canada shall omit, Penalty for
neglect or refuse to complete or deliver the said Lists on or before the not complying
first day of October in each year, according to the directions of the fourth with the said
section of the said Act, or to perform any of the obligations or formalities section.
therein required of him, such Clerk for each such omission, neglect or
refusal, shall incur a penalty of two hundred dollars.

And, for avoiding doubts under those provisions of the said Act which
relate to Lower Canada, it is declared and enacted as follows :

III. Notwithstanding anything contained in "*The Lower Canada* Valuators or
Municipal and Road Act of 1855," in the Acts amending the same, Assessors, in
L. C. to insert