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BILL.

[No. 10.

An Act to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS the first section of an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act for the better securing of the Independence of the Legislative Assembly,*" is inconsistent with the rights secured to
 5 Petitioners who may question the return or election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, and it is desirable that all doubts should be removed as to the rights of such Petitioners, by taking away the authority under which any writs of election may be issued, until after the expiration of the time allowed by law
 10 for presenting petitions in cases of controverted elections; Be it therefore enacted, &c., that

Preamble, 16 Vict., c. 154

That the said recited section of the said Act be and the same is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act no writ of election shall be issued for the election of any Member to
 15 fill up any vacancy arising by reason of the death, resignation, summons to the Legislative Council, or acceptance of office, by any Member of the said Legislative Assembly, until after the expiration of the time allowed by law for presenting petitions complaining of the undue Election or Return of Members on other
 20 grounds than bribery or corruption, or, if such Petition be presented before such time shall have expired, until after the contest thereon shall be determined.

Sec 1. of 16 Vict. c. 154, repealed; new writ not to issue to fill any seat while it is or may be contested.

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