

Since the above was in type, we have learned that the Chief Justiceship has been offered to and accepted by the Hon. Mr. Justice MEREDITH. This is an excellent appointment and highly satisfactory to the profession as well as to the public generally. We understand that Judge MEREDITH will reside at Montreal.

We have also been informed that Mr. Justice BADGLEY will be appointed a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of Judge MEREDITH. This, we believe, would also be a good appointment, if carried out.

THE HABEAS CORPUS ACT.

The following is the Bill for the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus:—

An Act to authorize the apprehension and detention until the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, of such persons as shall be suspected of committing acts of hostility or conspiring against Her Majesty's Person and Government.—
[Assented to 8th June, 1866.]

Whereas certain evil disposed persons being subjects or citizens of Foreign countries at peace with Her Majesty, have lawlessly invaded this Province, with hostile intent, and whereas other similar lawless invasions of and hostile incursions into the Province are threatened; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. All and every person and persons who is, are or shall be within Prison in this Province at, upon, or after the day of the passing of this Act, by warrant of commitment signed by any two Justices of the Peace, or under capture or arrest made with or without Warrant, by any of the officers, non-commissioned officers or men of Her Majesty's Regular, Militia or Volunteer Militia Forces, or by any of the officers, warrant officers or men of Her Majesty's Navy, and charged—

With being or continuing in arms against Her Majesty within this Province;

Or with any act of hostility therein;

Or with having entered this Province with design or intent to levy war against Her Majesty, or to commit any felony therein;

Or with levying war against Her Majesty in company with any of the subjects or citizens of any Foreign State or country then at peace with Her Majesty;

Or with entering this Province in company with any such subjects or citizens with intent to levy war on Her Majesty, or to commit any act of felony therein;

Or with joining himself to any person or persons whatsoever, with the design or intent to aid and assist him or them whether subjects or aliens, who have entered or may enter this Province with design or intent to levy war on Her Majesty, or to commit any felony within the same:

Or charged with High Treason or treasonable practices, or suspicion of High Treason, or treasonable practices;

May be detained in safe custody without bail or mainprize until the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven; and no Judge or Justice of the Peace shall bail or try any such person or persons so committed, captured or arrested without order from Her Majesty's Executive Council, until the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that if within fourteen days after the date of any warrant of commitment, the same or a copy thereof certified by the party in whose custody such person is detained, be not countersigned by a clerk of the Executive Council, then any person or persons detained in custody under any such warrant of commitment for any of the causes aforesaid by virtue of this Act, may apply to be and may be admitted to Bail.

2. In cases where any person or persons have been before the passing of this Act or shall be during the time this Act shall continue in force, arrested, committed or detained, in custody by force of a warrant of commitment of any two Justices of the Peace for any of the causes in the preceding section mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to whom such warrant or warrants have been or shall be directed, to detain such person or persons so arrested or committed, in his or their custody, in any place whatever within this Province, and such person or persons to whom such warrant or warrants have