
BILL intituled, ‘ An Act to
‘ provide for the nomination
‘ and appointment of Parish
‘ and Town Officers within
‘ the Townships of this Pro-
‘ vince.’

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a system whereby the Inhabitants of the Townships of this Province, may conveniently elect officers for the maintenance of good order, and the management of their local affairs: Be it therefore enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Lower Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, “ *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America.*” and to make further provisions for the Government of the said Province.” And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the freeholders of each and every parish, now erected or which shall hereafter be erected within the Townships of this Province, or where there is no Parish legally erected, for the Freeholders of each and every Township or reputed Township, to assemble on the first Monday of the month of December in every year, and on so many days next following as may be necessary, not exceeding three days in the whole, for the purpose of choosing and nominating the Parish or Town officers hereinafter mentioned, to serve in their respective offices for the year next ensuing, at which meeting a Justice of the Peace resident within the Parish or Township or reputed Township, or when there shall be no Justice of the Peace resident therein, the Captain or Senior Officer of Militia shall preside; held in some vestry room, school room, or other public building, and not in any tavern or house of public entertainment.