

**An Act to regulate the Presidency at *Fabrique* Meetings in the Catholic Parishes of Lower Canada.**

5 **W**HEREAS doubts have arisen as to the person who ought by law to preside at general parish or *fabrique* meetings for the election of churchwardens and other purposes, for which parish and *fabrique* meetings in the Catholic parishes of Lower Canada are by law required, and it is expedient to remove these doubts by establishing one uniform mode in which such meetings shall hereafter be presided over in all the Catholic parishes ; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

10 I. Hereafter every general *fabrique* and parish meeting for the election of churchwardens and other purposes for which the law and custom require general meetings of the parishioners and members of *fabriques* in the Catholic parishes of Lower Canada, shall be presided over by the *Curé* of the parish, or the priest administering the same ; and every proceeding at such meeting shall be entered in the register of proceedings of such parish in the usual manner and form, notwithstanding any usage or custom to the contrary which may have been introduced into any parishes.

Who shall hereafter preside at such meetings.

20 II. This Act shall not affect *fabriques* and parish meetings which may have been held and presided over contrary to the provisions thereof, and any proceedings which may have been or shall be instituted in consequence of such meetings shall be decided as though this Act had not been passed.

Act not to affect meetings heretofore held.