

C H A P. III.

An ACT to establish the Winchester Measure, and a Standard for other Weights and Measures throughout this Province.

WHEREAS an uniformity of weights and measures is much desired in this province, Be it 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 Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled, an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "An act for making more effectual provisions for the government of the province of Quebec, in North-America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, there shall be one just beam or balance, one certain weight and measure, and one yard, according to the standard of his majesty's exchequer in England, used throughout this province, and whoever shall keep any other weight, measure or yard whereby any corn, grain, or other thing is bought or sold, shall forfeit for every offence two pounds, Quebec currency, being thereof convicted before any two justices of the peace, to be levied by distress and sale of the offenders goods, one half of which penalty shall be paid to the informer or informers, and the other half to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the public use of the said province and towards the support of the government thereof.

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Standard for weights and measures.

Penalty for not complying.

How levied and applied.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the day above mentioned, there shall be appointed certain judicious persons in every district throughout this province, by the magistrates in quarter sessions assembled, in and for such district, to ascertain the bushel, half bushel, or other measures by which grain or other dry articles shall be bought or sold, and who shall mark and seal such bushel, half bushel or other measure with the letters and figures G. III. R. and receive for the same the sum of four-pence Quebec currency, without which letters and figures, no measure for grain or other dry articles shall be used for the purposes aforesaid under the penalty above mentioned.

Persons appointed to mark measures.

How marked. Penalty.

III. *Provided always*, That this act, and the provisions and penalties therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to the Western district in this province until the twenty-fifth day of October, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

When this act commences in the Western District.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to abolish the Summary Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas in actions under Ten Pounds Sterling.

WHEREAS the introduction of the trial by jury hath materially altered the constitution of the courts of common pleas, held for the trial of causes under the value of ten pounds sterling, so that their times of sitting and forms of process must become manifestly inconvenient, Be it 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 Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act for making more effectual provisions for the government of the province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, all causes of

Preamble.