

which will be in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six ; and no longer.

Ratification thereof.

The provincial treasurer, of this province, to demand & receive, to & for the uses thereof, the monies arising by this act.

THEREFORE, may it please your most excellent majesty, That it may be enacted, and it is hereby 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 provision 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 all and every the said articles of provisional agreement herein before particularly mentioned and inserted, and every clause, matter and thing in the said articles contained, shall be, and the said articles are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the provincial treasurer of this province for the time being (when and as often, as the same may from time to time become due and payable) to ask for, demand and receive, to and for the uses of this province, of and from all and every the person or persons who now are, or at any time hereafter may be nominated and appointed, on the part and in the behalf of the province of Lower-Canada, for the payment thereof ; all and every sum and sums of money which now is, or are become due and payable, or hereafter may become due and payable, from the said province of Lower-Canada to this province, pursuant and by virtue of this act, and of the articles of provisional agreement herein before ratified, approved and confirmed ; which said provincial treasurer for the time being, is hereby authorized and empowered by himself or by any person or persons whom he may thereunto duly authorize, to grant sufficient receipts and discharges for the same, which receipts and discharges shall be taken, and held to be binding and obligatory on this province to all intents and purposes whatsoever ; and be a full and sufficient acquittal of, and for all, and every sum and sums of money, which in such receipts and discharges shall respectively, be contained.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to explain and amend an Act passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, " An Act to establish a Superior Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and to regulate the Court of Appeal."

Preamble

WHEREAS doubts have arisen respecting the jurisdiction of his majesty's court of his bench in this province, as far as the same may concern the condemnation of contraband goods ; 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 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 provision 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 actions of debt, bill, plaint or information, that may be brought upon any seizure of contraband goods, by any ordinance or act in force, or to be in force in this province, for the prevention of smuggling or any clandestine or unlawful commerce or intercourse heretofore, now or hereafter carried on or to be carried on, by and between his majesty's subjects or people of any other state or country when and where the same may be prohibited, shall be heard and determined in his majesty's court of his bench ; and that it shall and may be lawful upon any action of debt, bill, plaint or information, brought or to be brought upon any

Jurisdiction granted to the court of king's bench in actions for goods seized as contraband & process to be had therein, as in similar cases in his majesty's court of ex-