

first year aforesaid, are contained and enacted with regard to such Bills respectively.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all laws, statutes or ordinances which are in force at the time of passing of this Act, within the said Provinces or either of them, or in any part thereof respectively, shall remain and continue to be of the same force, authority and effect in each of the said Provinces respectively as if this Act had not been made, except in as far as the same are repealed or varied by this Act, or in so far as the same shall or may be hereafter by virtue of and under the authority of this Act repealed or varied by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, by and with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council and Assembly.

All Laws now in force to continue, except as hereby repealed or altered.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all rights, privileges, immunities and advantages which are at present legally exercised and enjoyed by the Members of the Assemblies of *Lower and Upper Canada* respectively, shall continue to be exercised and enjoyed by them as Members of the said Assembly of the *Canadas*, in as full and as ample a manner as heretofore: Provided always, that no privilege of the said Legislative Council or of the said Assembly, shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize the imprisonment of any of His Majesty's subjects not being Members of the said Legislative Council or of the said Assembly, or officers or servants of the said bodies respectively, until an Act be passed declaratory of the rights and privileges of the said bodies in this respect.

Privileges of Members to continue.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all written proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, or either of them, shall be in the *English* language and none other; and that at the end of the space of fifteen years from and after the passing of this Act, all debates in the said Legislative Council or in the said Assembly, shall be carried on in the *English* language and none other.

Henceforth all written Proceedings and after 15 years, all Debates to be in English alone.

XXV. And whereas by the said Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, made and passed in the fourteenth year aforesaid, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of *Quebec*, in *North America*," it was, amongst other things, declared, that his Majesty's subjects, professing the religion of the church of *Rome* of and in the said Province of *Quebec*, might have, hold and enjoy the free exercise of the said religion, subject to the King's supremacy as in the said Act mentioned, and that the clergy of the said

Persons professing the Religion of the Church of Rome, not to be affected.