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An Act to compel incorporated Banks to accept their own Notes at par, in payment of any debts that may be due them.

HEREAS it is inconvenient and unjust that Banks should, under any Preamble. pretence, refuse to take their own Notes in payment of debts due to them, or charge a premium for receiving them: Therefore Her Majesty &c . enacts as follows:

1. Every Bank issuing its Notes payable to Bearer on demand, shall re- Banks must ceive such Notes at par, in payment of any debt due or payable to such receive their Bank, at the principal office or seat of business of such Bank, as well as own notes at at any Branch or other Office thereof, whether such Notes are made pay-ment of debts able at such principal Office, Branch or office where the same are offered payable to 10 in payment, or at any other place in this Province, and such Notes shall them. be a legal tender to the Bank in payment of any such debt: anything in

any Act or Law to to the contrary notwithstanding.