

BILL.

An Act to provide for the indemnification of parties in Lower Canada whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

WHEREAS on the 28th day of February, 1845, an humble Address was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and by them presented to the Right Honourable Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe, the then Governor General of the same, praying "that His Excellency would be pleased to cause proper measures to be adopted in order to insure to the inhabitants of that part of this Province formerly Lower Canada, indemnity for just losses by them sustained during the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838;" And whereas on the 24th day of November, 1845, a Commission of five persons was, by His Excellency the said Governor General, duly appointed to inquire into such losses arising from and growing out of the said Rebellion; And whereas it appears by the Report of the said Commissioners, dated the 18th day of April, 1846, that "the want of power to proceed to a strict and regular investigation of the losses in question left the Commissioners no other resource than to trust to the allegations of the claimants, as to the amounts and nature of their losses;" And whereas, in order to redeem the pledge given to the sufferers of such losses, or their *bonâ fide* creditors, assigns, or *ayant-droit*, as well by the said Address of the said Legislative Assembly, and the appointment of the said Commission, as by the letter addressed by the Honourable the Secretary of the Province, by order of the

Preamble.

Recital
Address of
28th February,
1845.

Report of
Commission-
ers, 18th April,
1846

Secretary's
Letter, 27th
February,
1846.