

BILL.

An Act for the regulation of Private Lunatic Asylums.

BE it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace to licence house for the reception of lunatics and to appoint visitors of houses so licenced.

5 Justices assigned to keep the peace in any District in Lower Canada. or County in Upper Canada, assembled in General or Quarter Sessions, (if and when they shall think fit) to grant a license to any person to keep a house for the reception of Lunatics, or of any sex or class of Lanatics within such District or County; and that the aid Justices shall at the first General or Quarter Sessions in every year, after they shall have granted any such

10 license or licenses, and while one or more of those granted by them remains in force, appoint three or more Justices, and also one Physician or more, to act as Visitors of every or any house or houses licensed for the reception of Lunatics within such District or County; and such

15 Visitors shall at their first meeting take an oath to the following effect, (that is to say) :—

Visitors to take an oath.

“ I, A. B., do swear that I will discreetly, impartially and faithfully execute all the trusts and powers committed unto me by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of

20 “ this Province, made in the Session thereof held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled “ *An Act for the regulation of Private Lunatic Asylums;*” and that I

“ will keep secret all such matters as shall come to my

25 “ knowledge in the execution of my office, (except when required to divulge the same by legal authority, or so far as I shall feel myself called upon to do so for the better execution of the duty imposed upon me by the

“ said Act) : so help me God.” Such oath to be administered by a Justice.

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II. And be it enacted, That in case at any time of the death, inability, disqualification, resignation, or refusal to act, of any person so appointed Visitor as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the District or County,

35 as the case may be, at any General or Quarter Sessions, to appoint a Visitor in the room of the person who shall die, or be unable, or be disqualified, or resign, or refuse to act as aforesaid.

Appointment of visitor in place of any one dying, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That a list of the names, places of abode, and occupations or professions of all Visitors appointed as hereinbefore directed, shall within fourteen

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Lists of visitors to be published and forwarded to the Governor.