BILL.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Court of Impeachment in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the twenty- Preamble. W second year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act respecting the Court of Impeachment," being chapter fourteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and 5 with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The second section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the fol- New section

lowing substituted therefor:

"In case of the illness or absence from Upper Canada of any one or 10 more of the Judges of the said Court, any one or more of the Puisne Judges of the Superior Court of Common Law, may with like powers act in the stead of the Judge or Judges so ill or absent."

2. The fourth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the fol- Section 4

lowing substituted therefor:

"In case any complaint for inability or misbehavior in office be substituted. preferred against any Judge of any County Court, or against any Recorder of any City, and if the Governor finds the same sufficiently sustained, and of sufficient amount to demand judicial investigation by the Court of Impeachment, he shall direct such complaint and all papers 20 and documents therewith connected, to be transmitted to the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, as President of the Court.'

3. The fifth section of the said Act, "Sittings," is hereby repealed, Section 5

and the following substituted therefor:

- "The Court of Impeachment shall thereupon appoint a day for the substituted. 25 meeting of the Court, and any Judge of the said Court, or any Puisne Judge acting in the stead of any Judge, may open and adjourn the said Court of Impeachment to any other day, and so from time to time as occasion may require, and at such sittings or any adjournment thereof, the Judges of the said Court shall proceed to the trial of the charges 30 laid and set forth in the complaint, and to the hearing of the parties complainant and accused, their counsel, witnesses, and proofs, respectively, and shall adjudicate upon such complaint and charges.'
- 4. The provisions of the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sections of Sections 6, 7, the said Act shall be held and taken to extend to complaints against 8 and 9 to 35 Recorder of any City in the same manner as they apply to any com-Recorders. plaints against the Judge of any County Court, and shall be read as if the words "or any Recorder" were inserted in the said sections after the word "Judge" wherever the same occurs in the said sections.