

The Governor and Council
may make Laws or Ordinances
for the Government of
Lower Canada.

Such Laws to be proposed by
the Governor.

Limiting their Duration.

Proviso as to imposing Taxes

Laws or Ordinances not to
affect the existing Laws res-
pecting Rights of Elections,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, that from and after such Proclamation as aforesaid, and until the said first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, it shall be lawful for the Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada*, with the advice and consent of the majority of the said Councillors present at a meeting or meetings to be for that purpose from time to time convened by the Governor of the said Province, to make such Laws or Ordinances, for the peace, welfare, and good government of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, as the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, as now constituted, is empowered to make; and that all Laws or Ordinances so made, subject to the Provisions hereinafter contained for disallowance thereof by Her Majesty, shall have the like force and effect as Laws passed before the passing of this Act by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and assented to by Her Majesty, or in Her Majesty's name, by the Governor of the said Province. Provided always, that no such Law or Ordinance shall be made, unless the same shall have been first proposed by the said Governor for adoption by the Council, nor unless the said Governor, and five at least of the said Councillors, shall be actually present when such Law or Ordinance shall be made. Provided also, that no Law or Ordinance so made, shall continue in force beyond the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, unless continued by competent authority. Provided also, that it shall not be lawful, by any such Law or Ordinance, to impose any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Impost, save only in so far as any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Impost, which at the passing of this Act is payable within the said Province, may be thereby continued. Provided also, that it shall not be lawful, by any such Law or Ordinance, to alter, in any respect, the Law now existing in the said Province, respecting the Constitution or Composition of the Legislative Assembly thereof, or respecting the right of any person to vote at the election of any Member of the said Assembly, or respecting the qualifications of such voters, or respecting the Division of the said Province into Counties, Cities, and Towns, for the purpose of such elections; nor shall it be lawful, by any such Law or Ordinance, to repeal, suspend, or alter any provision of any Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain*, or of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, or of any Act of the Legislature of *Lower Ca-*