

## BILL.

An Act for the Inspection and proper Management  
of Private Asylums for Insane Persons in Upper  
Canada.

**W**HEREAS great abuses exist in the management of Preamble.  
private Asylums for the reception of insane  
persons, and a just regard for the due protection of those  
who are unfortunately deprived of their reason, renders  
5 it urgent that such Asylums should be placed under the  
supervision and control of proper authority:—Be it there-  
fore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, Existing pri-  
vate lunatic  
asylums to  
take out a  
licence.  
10 That within one month after the passing of this Act, each  
and every proprietor of any house or asylum for the re-  
ception of insane persons in Upper Canada, shall apply  
to the Municipal Council of the City, Town, Village, or  
Township, in which such asylum shall be, for a license to  
15 keep the same, (as hereinafter mentioned); and any such  
proprietor failing to apply for such licence within the period  
aforesaid, shall incur a penalty not less than *one hundred*  
pounds, currency, which penalty shall be recoverable by  
and to the use of such municipality, by civil action in any  
Court having jurisdiction to the amount thereof.

20 II. And be it enacted, That from and after the expira- No person  
hereafter to  
keep an  
asylum with-  
out licence.  
tion of one month from the passing of this Act, it shall  
not be lawful for any person whatsoever to keep a private  
house or asylum for the reception of insane persons in  
Upper Canada, unless such person shall have previously  
25 obtained a license to that effect from the Municipal Council  
of the City, Town, Village or Township in which he shall  
be desirous of keeping such private house or asylum: And  
in all applications for licenses under this Act, shall be  
30 set forth a description (testified on oath before some  
Justice of the Peace to be correct) of the house and  
premises intended for such asylum, the number of rooms  
in such asylum, and the number of patients which it is  
intended to receive therein; the name and profession or  
35 occupation of the proprietor of such asylum, and the  
charges to be made for patients.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Municipal  
Councils may  
grant license.  
Municipal Council of any such City, Town, Village or  
Township, in their discretion to grant or refuse licenses  
for the keeping of any such private asylum and all such