

*Legislative Council*

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

BILL.

An Act to Reverse the attainder of Aaron Stevens,  
and avoid the Forfeiture of certain of his Estates,  
and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS Aaron Stevens, in his life time of the Town-  
ship of Niagara in the County of Lincoln in Upper  
Canada, Yeoman, having been lawfully convicted and at-  
tainted of High Treason by him committed, did in the year of  
5 Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen suffer  
capital punishment for his said crime; and whereas by the  
said Attainder and the corruption of blood wrought thereby  
the Estates and Property real and personal of the said Aaron  
Stevens became forfeited, and were in part taken upon inquisition  
10 found in that behalf and seized into the hands of the Crown  
accordingly; and whereas a portion of the Estates of the said  
Aaron Stevens was not found upon such inquisition or declared  
forfeited by reason of his said Attainder and conviction as afore-  
said, or seized into the hands of the Crown as aforesaid; and  
15 the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty having been graciously  
pleased, through his Excellency the Right Honorable James,  
Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Her Majesty's Governor  
General of this Province, to signify to both Houses of Parlia-  
ment Her Majesty's Royal pleasure that the said Attainder  
20 of the said Aaron Stevens may be reversed, all corruption of  
blood consequent thereon taken away, and no further forfei-  
ture enforced against such of his Estates as have not been  
already forfeited and disposed of under the authority of a cer-  
tain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada passed in the  
25 fifty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty's Royal Grand-  
father King George the Third, intituled "An Act for vesting  
" in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors and also the  
" Estates of persons declared Aliens by an Act passed in the  
" fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled 'An Act  
30 " to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to  
" vest their Estates in His Majesty and for applying the pro-  
" ceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His  
" Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late  
" war and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and  
35 " claims thereupon;" To the end therefore that such Her Ma-  
jesty's benevolent intentions towards the family of the said  
Aaron Stevens may be carried into effect in the most ample  
and beneficial manner for the behoof of such family: Be it

Preamble.

Act of U. C.  
59 Geo. III. c.  
12, cited.