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An Act to repeal in part an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of Quebec in case of injury to property by any mob, or during riots in the said City.*"

WHEREAS by the fourth clause or section of an Act passed in the Preamble last Session of the Legislature, chapter two hundred and thirty-three, intituled "*An Act to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of Quebec in case of injury to property by any mob, or during riots in the said City,*" it is enacted "*that whenever any lecture, representation or performance, exhibition or other public meeting for admission or entrance to which money shall be required or paid shall take place, the said Corporation shall not be liable for any demolition or destruction of property at the place where such lecture, representation, performance, exhibition, or other public meeting shall take place, unless the permission of the Mayor or of the Council shall have been first had and obtained,*" and whereas protection is due by the constituted authorities to the property and persons of all British subjects lawfully convened at any meeting or assemblage for lawful purposes or such as are not expressly prohibited by the laws of the land, whether money be or be not required of or paid by the attendants thereat, and whether such meeting or assemblage be within the walls of any place of public worship or of any public or private building, or be held in the open air, and the said above-recited clause or section is manifestly to the prejudice of and in violation of the indubitable and most sacred rights of British subjects, to meet and discuss in a peaceable and lawful manner when and where they see fit, all lawful matters of public concernment in which they take an interest, whether of a religious, political, civil, or special character, and it therefore is necessary to repeal the said clause or section;—Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the aforesaid fourth clause or section hereinabove recited of the said Act, chapter two hundred and thirty-three, passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of Quebec in case of injury to property by any mob, or during riots in the said City,*" shall be and the same is hereby repealed.