

ANNO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. III.

An Ordinance for the suppression of the Rebellion which unhappily exists within this Province of Lower Canada, and for the protection of the persons and properties of Her Majesty's Faithful Subjects within the same.

WHEREAS a traitorous Conspiracy, for the subversion of the authority of Her Majesty, and for the destruction of the established Constitution and Government, hath unfortunately existed, within this Province, for a considerable time, and hath broken out in acts of the most daring and open Rebellion; And whereas His Excellency Sir John Colborne, Administrator of the Government of this Province, did lawfully, and by virtue of the authority in him reposed, by Proclamation, under his Hand and Seal at Arms, bearing date at the Government House in the City of Montreal, the fourth day of this present month of November, declare Martial Law to be in force in the District of Montreal, in the said Province, and as well before as since the said declaration of Martial Law in the said Province, the said Rebellion did greatly extend, inso-much that large bodies of armed Traitors did openly array themselves, and make the most daring and violent attacks upon Her Majesty's Forces, and upon other persons in authority, and committed the most horrid excesses and cruelties on the properties and persons of Her Majesty's loyal subjects; And whereas the said Rebellion still continues to rage in the said District of Montreal, and the parties therein concerned continue to desolate and lay waste the country, by the most savage and wanton violence, excess, and outrage, and the Civil Power is set at defiance, and the ordinary course of the justice and of the law of the land is stopped in the said District; And whereas it is expedient and necessary to provide a remedy for the speedy trial and punishment of persons offending in that behalf: Be it therefore Ordained and