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AN ACT to make temporary provision for the Government of *Lower Canada*.

[10th February, 1838.]

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WHEREAS in the present state of the Province of *Lower Canada* the House of Assembly of the said Province, constituted under the Act passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America*,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," cannot be called together without serious detriment to the interests of the said Province, by reason whereof the Government of the said Province cannot be duly administered according to the provisions of the said Act:—And whereas it is expedient to make temporary provision for the Government of *Lower Canada*, in order that Parliament may be enabled, after mature deliberation, to make permanent arrangements for the Constitution and Government of the said Province upon such a basis as may best secure the rights and liberties, and promote the interests of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in the said Province:—Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from the proclamation of this Act in the said Province, as hereinafter provided, until the first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, so much of the said Act of the thirty-first year of King George the Third, and of any other Act or Acts of Parliament, as constitutes or provides for the constitution or calling of a Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly for the Province of *Lower Canada*, or as confers any powers or functions upon the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of those bodies, shall cease and be of no force.

The powers of the present Legislature of *Lower Canada* suspended.

Her Majesty may appoint a special Council for the affairs of *Lower Canada*.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by a Commission or Commissions to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any Instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual, and with the advice of her Privy Council, to constitute a Special Council for the affairs of *Lower Canada*, and for that purpose to appoint or authorize the Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada* to appoint such and so many Special Councillors as to
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