

CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend the Chapter Seventeen of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, as regards the appointment of Constables.

[Assented to 23rd April, 1860.]

WHEREAS by the tenth section of Chapter Seventeen of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, Courts of Quarter Sessions in Upper Canada are required, in the month of March in each year, to appoint a High Constable and a sufficient number of Constables in the several places in their respective Counties; and whereas the annual appointment of Constables is attended with much expense and inconvenience, and it is expedient, that the said provision should be repealed, and the Constables should be placed in a more permanent position than heretofore: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. From and after the day next before the first general Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the tenth section of the Act cited in the preamble shall be repealed.

Section 10 of cap. 17 of Con. Stat. U. C., repealed.

2. The Magistrates at the first general Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in each County in Upper Canada in the said year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall appoint a sufficient number of fit and proper persons to act as Constables, in each Township, Incorporated Village, Police Village and place within their respective Counties.

J. P. in Quarter Sessions in 1861. to appoint Constables.

3. The persons, so appointed as Constables, shall, before entering on the duties of office, take and subscribe the following oath, which any Justice of the Peace may administer :

Constables to be sworn.

“ I, _____, having been appointed Constable for the _____ County of _____, (or United Counties of _____, as the case may be,) do solemnly swear that I will truly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties appertaining to the said office, according to the best of my skill and ability. So help me God.”

The Oath.

4. Every such Constable, so appointed, and having taken the aforesaid oath, shall continue in office at least one year, and shall further continue in office from year to year without re-appointment, unless he shall claim exemption from serving as such Constable, in which case he shall be released at any time after the end of the first year, when he shall legally claim, and be entitled to, such exemption; Provided always that the Magistrates, at any time in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace

Continuance in office.

Proviso : for dismissal and

Peace