

purposes, by reason of the difficulty for parties doing business with such Partnerships, Companies or Societies, to ascertain the names, surnames, residence and addition of all the persons so associated as aforesaid, and great expense and inconvenience are thereby incurred: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all persons associated in Partnership for trading purposes in Lower Canada, shall cause to be delivered to the Prothonotary of the Court of Civil Jurisdiction, in each District, and to the Registrar of each County, in which they shall carry on business, a declaration in writing, signed by the several members of the said Copartnership, when all such members shall, at the time of making the same, be in the said Province; and if any of the said members be absent at the time, then by the members present, in their own names and for their absent co-members, under their special authority to that effect, and containing the names, surnames, addition and residence of each and every Partner as aforesaid, and the name, style or firm under which they carry on or intend to carry on such business, and stating also the time during which the Partnership has existed, and declaring that the persons therein named are the only members of such Partnership; and such declaration shall be filed within Sixty days after the passing of this Act, if such Partnership shall have been or shall be formed before the time when this Act shall come into force and effect, and within Sixty days after the formation thereof if it shall be formed after the said Act shall come into force and effect; and a like declaration shall be filed in like manner when and so often as any change or alteration shall take place in the members of such Partnership, or in the name, style or firm under which they intend to carry on their business—under a penalty of Fifty pounds against each and every member of any Partnership with regard to which the requirements of this section shall not have been complied with, to be recovered before any Court having jurisdiction in civil cases to the amount of such penalty, by any person suing as well in his own behalf as on behalf of Her Majesty; and one moiety of such penalty shall belong to the Crown for the uses of the Province, and the other moiety to the party suing for the same, unless the suit be brought (as it may be) on behalf of the Crown only, in which case the whole of the penalty shall belong to her Majesty for the uses aforesaid.