

"office, and to fyle the copy thereof, and for such registry and fyling to demand and receive the sum of one pound.

"*And be it, &c.,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said Hon. *John Walpole Willis* to award against either of the parties, such costs and charges as he shall deem right and just; for the recovery of which costs and charges, so awarded, it shall and may be lawful for the party interested to proceed by action of debt in any Court of record in this Province."

The above Bill passed the Legislative Assembly, but the Legislative Council, as then constituted, refused either to amend or pass it—they threw it out.

In the next Legislature, Hon. Doctor Baldwin and William L. Mackenzie introduced the following Bill, appointing the Hon. Louis Joseph Papineau, (then Speaker of the Lower Canada Assembly,) Chancellor, to afford relief to Mr. Randall. (Judge Willis had gone to Europe.)

BILL.

"Whereas Robert Randall has, by petition complained, that he has suffered great loss and injustice under a judgment obtained against him in the Court of King's Bench, in this Province, by Henry John Boulton, Esquire, His Majesty's then Solicitor General, which judgment, the Petitioner alleges, was obtained against the rules of law and equity; and whereas adequate relief cannot be afforded by the said Court of King's Bench, it is therefore expedient, that an inquiry should be made into the wrongs alleged, and right be caused to be done, if, upon due inquiry under oath, it shall be made to appear that such great injustice has been done; *Be it therefore, &c.,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Honorable *Louis Joseph Papineau*, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, under and by virtue of this Act, at York, in the Home District, to inquire into the truth of the statements in the said petition set forth; and for the purpose of that inquiry, it shall and may be lawful for the said *Louis Joseph Papineau*, in the presence of the parties or their Attorneys, or such of them as shall, after due notice, appear, to summon and examine, upon oath, all witnesses deemed necessary for the attainment of justice between the parties, and to enable the said *Louis Joseph Papineau* to inform his judgment in making his decree or decrees, as hereinafter mentioned; and any person convicted of wilful false swearing before the said *Louis Joseph Papineau*, under this Act, shall be liable to the same punishment as is now inflicted by the laws of this Province upon persons guilty of perjury.

"*And be it, &c.,* That the aforesaid matter shall be heard and determined, and the witnesses examined, in an open Court whereunto all His Majesty's subjects shall have free access: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for the said *Louis Joseph Papineau* to commit any person for a contempt of the Court, for a period not exceeding one month, and to fine such person a sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

"*And be it, &c.,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said *Louis Joseph Papineau*, having heard the said Petitioner, and the said Henry John Boulton, and such other persons as he the said *Louis Joseph Papineau* shall summon, or such of them as shall appear after due notice, to make such decree or decrees, for either the confirmation, or the reversal of the said judgment and of the proceedings had thereupon, and of any sales of land heretofore made, under and by virtue of the said judgment, as he the said *Louis Joseph Papineau* shall deem necessary for the doing of justice between all parties interested in the matter.