

ment 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 herein-after 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 any 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 Her Majesty shall seem meet, and to make such Provision as to Her Majesty shall seem meet for the removal, suspension, or resignation of all or any such Councillors. Provided always that no Member of the said Special Council shall be permitted to sit or to vote therein, until he shall have taken and subscribed before the Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada*, or before some person authorized by the said Governor to administer such Oath, the same Oath which is now required to be taken by the Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly before sitting or voting therein respectively.

Members of the Council to take an Oath.