

BILL.

An Act to prevent the hunting of Deer with Hounds at improper seasons of the year, and further to amend the laws for the preservation of Game.

WHEREAS divers inhabitants of Upper Canada have petitioned Parliament to pass a law for restraining the hunting and killing of Deer with hounds, and it is but reasonable to comply with the prayer of their petition, inasmuch as Deer are yearly becoming scarcer: And whereas it is also desirable to alter the time of year for killing Woodcocks, Wild Ducks and Snipe in this Province, experience having shewn that the seasons now prescribed by law are not the proper ones for such sporting: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to chase, hunt, shoot, take or kill any Deer, Fawn, Moose or Elk of any species, either with or without hounds of any breed or sort, or to allow any hound of any kind or sort belonging to him or them, or in his or their possession, or under his or their control, to be used for such purpose, or to follow such chase of its own accord and unaccompanied by any person, within this Province, except during the period between the first of August and the first of January in each following year, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That the time or season for shooting, taking and killing Wild Ducks, Teal, Widgeon and other aquatic birds, shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of July and the first day of April in the following year, and the time or season for shooting and killing Woodcocks shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of July and the first day of January in the following year, and the shooting or killing of Snipe shall be lawful at all seasons of the year.

III. And whereas it is also desirable to prevent the extinction of Speckled Trout: be it therefore enacted, That the time or season for taking or killing Speckled Trout, shall be and is hereby declared to be between the first day of April and the first day of September, (inclusive) in each and every year, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall chase, hunt, shoot, take or kill, or shall assist in or encourage any chasing, hunting, shooting, taking or killing any Deer, Fawn, Moose or Elk, with hounds of any breed or