
BILL

For the establishment of PUBLIC POUNDS in the Country Parishes in this Province, and for other purposes.

WHETHERAS the Laws now in force respecting damage done by Cattle, Hogs, and other Animals going at large, are found to be inadequate to remedy the evils arising therefrom, and it being necessary to provide other and more effectual relief in such cases; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America;" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons at any time of the year to permit his or their Horses, Horned Cattle, Sheep, Goats or Hogs to go at large or to stray on the public highway, nor shall it be lawful for any person to break down any fence or fences that separates his or their Land from that of their neighbour.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in each and every Parish or Township, and in every seignior, or part of a seignior, where there are no parish or parishes legally established, within this Province, there shall be enclosed and set apart, well and securely fenced, with a sufficient gate and lock, one or more Lots of Ground, as a public Pound, or enclosure, for the safe keeping of all such horses, horned cattle, sheep, goats, or hogs, as shall hereafter be taken trespassing, or which may be found straying on the public highway; which pieces or lots of ground, shall be as near to the Church of said parish, or township, as may be, or in such other central spot as may be found most convenient for the purposes intended, and shall not be less than half an arpent in superficie: and there shall be erected within the said Pound or enclosure, a good and sufficient Shed, for shelter to the cattle that may be put therein.