



ANNO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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CAP. IV.

An Ordinance to authorize the apprehension and detention of persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, and to suspend, for a limited time, as to such persons, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

**W**HEREAS, divers persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices are detained in Prison or in custody in this Province, and it is highly expedient and necessary that means should be provided for the more easily apprehending and more secure detention of such persons for a limited time, and of others who may be suspected or charged with such crimes: Therefore, for the better preservation of the peace and of the laws and liberties of this Province, be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the commission of the Governor thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "*An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada,*" and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, that all or any persons that are or shall be in prison or otherwise in custody in this Province, at or upon the day of the making and passing of this Ordinance, or after, by any warrant for High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, or Treasonable practices, may be detained in safe custody, without bail or mainprize, during the continuance of this Ordinance, and that no Judge or Justice of the Peace, shall, during such continuance, bail, or try any person or persons so committed, without an order from the Governor or Person Administering the Government of this Province, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province, any Law, Ordinance, or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.