

BILL.

An Act to compel the Registration of Deeds and Instruments creating Debts to the Crown.

WHEREAS it is desirable that all deeds and instruments under seal or of record, whereby any debt, duty or obligation has been or may be created to Her Majesty the Queen, or Her Successors, shall be registered in manner hereafter mentioned in order to bind the lands of the parties executing the same or affected thereby, Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

That from and after the passing of this Act no deed, bond, contract or other instrument whatever under seal or of record whereby any debt, obligation or duty shall be incurred or created to Her Majesty the Queen, or Her Successors, shall be deemed valid or sufficient to charge or affect any lands or any interest in lands of the person or persons executing the same or affected thereby, as against any subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for valuable consideration of the same lands of such person or persons, or against any subsequent registered judgment on the same lands against such person or persons, unless a copy of such deed, bond, contract or other instrument certified by the proper officer having the custody of the same, shall be registered in the registry office of the county where such lands are situate before the execution of the deed, conveyance or agreement of such subsequent purchaser or mortgagee, or the registry of such subsequent judgment.

Instruments creating Debts to the Crown not to be valid against subsequent purchasers, &c. unless registered before the deeds of such purchasers, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every registrar of a county, and he is hereby required upon the production to him of a copy of any such deed, bond, contract or other instrument as aforesaid, certified by the proper officer having the custody of the same, to enter and register the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and from and after such registry all the lands situate in such county of the person or persons executing such deed, bond, contract or other instrument shall be bound and charged thereby.

Such instruments to be registered in a separate book.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, if he shall think fit, to order that all or any lands bound by such deed, bond, contract or other instrument shall be released from the charge created thereby, and upon the production of such order certified by the President or Clerk of the Executive Council, it

Governor in Council may release lands bound by such instruments.