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**BILL.**

*An Act further to regulate persons who keep Houses of Public Entertainment and retail Spirituous Liquors, and for other purposes.*

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
Tuesday, 4th March, 1823.

ORDERED, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Attest,  
(Signed) W<sup>m</sup>. SMITH,  
C. L. C.

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**W**HEREAS it has become expedient and necessary to make further provision to regulate persons who obtain Licences to keep Houses of Public Entertainment, and to retail Spirituous Liquors in the Country Parishes, Townships and Seigniories of this Province; 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 no Licence shall hereafter be granted to any person or persons, for keeping any House or other place of Public Entertainment within any Country Parish, unless that the person or persons applying for the same shall produce a Certificate from the senior Justice of the Peace, the senior Officer of Militia, and the senior Churchwarden, or when there is not a Justice of the Peace residing or present within such Parishes, from the two senior Officers of Militia and the senior Churchwarden in office, or a majority of them, residing within the Parish for which such Licence shall be applied for. Provided always, that in such Seigniories and Townships as are not yet erected into Parishes, such Certificates may be granted by the senior Justice of the Peace and the senior officer of Militia of such Seigniority or Township.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that on the last Monday of the Month of March, in each and every year, the Senior Justice of the Peace,