

FOR REMOVAL OF CIVIL DISABILITIES OF THE JEWS.

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I HEREBY certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, and reserved, on the 26th day of March 1830, by his Excellency Sir James Kempt, administrator of the Government, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

CANADA.

(Attest.)

Wm. Smith,
Clerk of the Legislative Council of the
Province of Lower Canada.

Enclosure 2, in No. 2.

(No. 2.)

To his Excellency Sir James Kempt, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-general and Commander of all his Majesty's forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, and in the Island of Newfoundland, and Administrator of the said Province of Lower Canada.

Encl. 2, in No. 2.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully represent to your Excellency that we have, during the present session of the Provincial Parliament, passed a Bill of the highest importance to a great portion of his Majesty's subjects in this colony, which we herewith submit to your Excellency, and which is intituled "An Act to extend certain Privileges therein mentioned to Persons professing the Jewish Religion, and for obviating certain inconveniences to which others of his Majesty's subjects might otherwise be exposed."

And inasmuch as the said Bill contains provisions which may be considered in some manner to relate to or affect the civil rights of persons of the Jewish persuasion.

And it is therefore necessary that the same should, previously to any declaration or signification of his Majesty's assent thereto, be laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in the manner provided and required by the 42d section of the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the 31st year of his late Majesty's reign, c. 31: We do, therefore, respectfully pray your Excellency, that in order to give effect to the said Bill, your Excellency will cause the same to be transmitted to England without delay, for the purpose of being laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, previous to the signification of his Majesty's assent thereto.

By order,

Legislative Council, Quebec,
7 March 1830.

(signed) J. Sewell,
Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Enclosure 3, in No. 2.

(No. 3.)

Sir,

Quebec, 25 March 1830.

IN obedience to the commands of his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, with which I have been honoured, I have perused a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of this province, intituled, "An Act to extend certain Privileges therein mentioned to Persons professing the Jewish Religion, and for the obviating certain inconveniences to which others of his Majesty's subjects might otherwise be exposed;" and am humbly of opinion, that this Bill ought to be reserved for the signification of his Majesty's pleasure respecting the same. The grounds of this opinion, I beg leave to state, are the same as those contained in a report which I had the honour of submitting through you to his Excellency on a similar Bill in the month of February of the last year.*

Encl. 3, in No. 2.

* Vide, page 1.

I have, &c.

(signed) J. Stuart,
Attorney-general.

Lieut.-colonel Yorke, Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure 4, in No. 2.

(No. 4.)

House of Assembly, Friday 19 March 1830.

Resolved,—That his Majesty's subjects in this province have a right to the free exercise of their religion, and that the Bill referred to in the message from the Legislative Council, delivered yesterday, does not contain any provision which in any manner relates to or affects the enjoyment or exercise of any religious form or mode of worship, and are not within the cases reserved in the 42d clause of the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, 31 Geo. 3, c. 31.

Encl. 4, in No. 2.