

any time after the expiration of that period, should execute and deliver a deed of sale of such land to the purchaser, his heirs and assigns.

And whereas, under the provisions of the said Act, various lands, upon which taxes were unpaid as aforesaid, were in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, sold by various Sheriffs of Counties in Upper Canada; which lands were never redeemed by the owners, according to the provisions of the said Act.

And whereas, after such sales were made, and before the said period for the redemption thereof had expired, that is to say, on the fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, a certain other Act was passed (sixteenth Victoria, chapter one hundred and eighty-two), which took effect on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, whereby the said first-mentioned Act (thirteenth and fourteenth Victoria, chapter sixty-seven), was repealed, and no provision was made thereby for completing the sales made under the authority of the said first-mentioned Act.

And whereas, in many cases, the lands sold under the said first-mentioned Act have never been redeemed, and the purchasers thereof have obtained deeds thereof from the respective Sheriffs, and gone into possession thereof, and made valuable improvements thereon.

And whereas, it has been decided and adjudged that by reason of the repeal of the first-mentioned Act, before the expiration of the period allowed for the redemption of such lands, and before the execution by the Sheriff to the purchaser, of a deed of the same, the title of such purchaser is defective, and unless a remedy be provided much loss and injury will be sustained by innocent purchasers; and it is expedient to provide a remedy in that behalf.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, declares and enacts as follows:—

1.—In all cases where lands were legally sold for taxes under the authority of the said first-mentioned Act, and not redeemed within the period by that Act limited in that behalf, and the purchaser or those claiming under him shall have gone into actual possession, such sales shall be and are hereby declared legal and binding upon all parties concerned, and all deeds executed or that may be executed by the Sheriff for conveying such lands to the respective purchasers thereof, shall be held to be legal and valid, anything in the said statute secondly hereinbefore-mentioned or any other statute or law to the contrary notwithstanding.

2.—In all cases where the purchaser at such sales, or those claiming under him shall not have gone into actual possession of the lands sold, the owner of such last-mentioned land may redeem the same within one year from the passing of this Act by paying the amount

of the taxes for which the lands were sold and the costs of the sale, and ten per cent. interest thereon, together with all taxes that may have been paid by the purchaser or his assigns, and ten per cent. interest thereon—and in default thereof such last-mentioned sales are hereby declared to be legal and binding upon all parties concerned, and all deeds executed or that may be executed by the Sheriff for conveying such last mentioned lands to the respective purchasers thereof shall be held to be legal and valid.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAP. 75 OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES FOR UPPER CANADA, INTITLED, "AN ACT RESPECTING MASTER AND SERVANT."

[Assented to 18th September, 1865.]

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the application in certain cases, of the provisions of the Act respecting Master and Servant, chapter seventy-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, and it is expedient that they should be removed: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1.—If after the termination of an engagement between Master and Servant, any dispute shall arise between them in respect of the term of such engagement or of any matter appertaining to it, the Justice or Justices of the Peace who shall receive the complaint shall be bound to decide the matter, in accordance with the provisions of the Act respecting Master and Servant, and as though the engagement between the parties still subsisted; Provided that proceedings be taken within one month after the engagement shall have ceased.

2.—Whenever the Justice shall take the evidence of the complainant in support of his or her claim, the said Justice shall be bound to take the evidence of the defendant also, if tendered.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ACT TO IMPOSE DUTIES ON PROMISSORY NOTES AND BILLS OF EXCHANGE TO ALL NOTES & BILLS OF WHATEVER AMOUNT, AND OTHERWISE TO AMEND THE SAID ACT.

[Assented to 18th September, 1865.]

Whereas it is expedient to impose duties on promissory notes and bills of exchange now excepted from the operation of the Act passed in the session held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eight years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter four, and otherwise to amend the said Act: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1.—Upon and in respect of every promissory note, draft or bill of exchange, for an amount less than one hundred dollars, made, drawn or accepted in this Province upon or after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, there