

CAP. II.

An Act to indemnify the Members of the Executive Government, and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, in excess of the Parliamentary Grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

[Assented to 14th April, 1871.]

WHEREAS, it appears,—that by reason of the attack on Preamble.
the Frontier, and the threatened invasion of Canada by the Fenians in the year 1870, it became unavoidably necessary for the Executive Government to authorize the expenditure of the sum hereinafter mentioned, for the defence of the Dominion, and in repelling the said invasion, in excess of the Parliamentary grant for that purpose in the now last Session,—and that under the provisions of the thirty-fifth section of the Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter five, and intituled: "*An Act respecting the collection and management of the Revenue, the auditing of Public Accounts, and the liability of Public Accountants,*" upon the Report of the Minister of Militia and Defence, that the expenditure for the purposes aforesaid would exceed the sum appropriated for the same, and that an additional amount of two hundred thousand dollars was urgently required, and upon the Report of the Minister of Finance that no other Parliamentary provision was made for such additional expenditure, an Order in Council was passed, bearing date the 27th day of May, 1870, whereby His Excellency the Governor General was advised to issue a Special Warrant, signed by himself, for the sum aforesaid, and such Special Warrant was accordingly so signed and issued by His Excellency for the said sum, which the Receiver-General was thereby directed to place to his credit, in a special account, to be called "The Protection of the Frontier Special Account," out of and against which, all warrants, duly signed and attested by the proper officers, and certified by them to be for the said service, were directed to be paid and charged; and it appears, further, that out of the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars, the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents were so paid, charged and expended for the service aforesaid; and, whereas, full detailed accounts of the sums so expended up to the 30th day of June, now last, inclusive, have been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and like accounts of the sums so expended after that day are included in the statement of the Auditor-General hereinafter mentioned; And, whereas, the Auditor-General, in obedience to the thirty-fifth section of the Act above cited, prepared a statement containing a copy of the said Order in Council, and of the said Special Warrant, and an account of the expenditure incurred in consequence thereof, and delivered the same to the Minister of Finance, who laid them